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RR Study:

Bethel option a big draw for riders

By ALISON ALOISIO

If passenger rail service were extended from Portland to Auburn, an estimated minimum 30,000 people would ride each year.

But if the service were extended to Bethel, the number of riders would double.

That was one of the projections in Bethel made last week at a presentation by transportation consultants hired by the Maine Department of Transportation.

The rail study was conducted by AECOM, which does business worldwide.

The presentation took place at the Bethel Inn, and provided estimates for potential rail ridership, and costs, for train service from Portland to Auburn, Bethel, and Montreal. About 30 people attended.

There were two earlier presentations in Bethel, as the study progressed.

The results, calculated using money values in 2020, are based on the assumption that

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Dumont returns to host cup event

By ALISON ALOISIO

Freestyle skier Simon Dumont of Bethel returns to Sunday River this weekend for the third annual Dumont Cup competition.

The 24-year-old skier holds the world record jump in a ski quarterpipe (35 feet in height). He has also won the SuperPipe event twice in the Winter X-Games.

Despite his youth, Dumont is a veteran who has been competing since he was a teenager. He's been around long enough to see the sport change.

"The depth of field is probably the biggest difference," he said last week. "So many more kids have started the sport and so many of them are getting to be very highly competitive, this sport has really grown both in numbers and progression."

As a youngster himself, Dumont also did gymnastics, a sport that has similarities and carryovers to freestyle skiing.

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BASEBALL SIGN-UPS!

at Town Office
 ages 5 thru 15
 T-Ball - Rookies
 Minors - Majors
 Babe Ruth

Sign Up ENDS Friday, April 1

Late sign up may not assure team availability

A skills assessment will be held April 10



A dozen (if you count the spirit of Grammy Maggie) snowshoers took advantage of Saturday's sunshine and soft snowpack to enjoy the loop and overlooks of Maggie Ring's Nature Park in Greenwood. Here the group, which included members of the Mahoosuc Land Trust and visitors from away, prepares to set out for the hike between the South Pond and Twitchell Pond overlooks. The 83-acre park was donated to the town by the late Maggie Ring, with a conservation easement held by the MLT. The full loop taken by this group can be completed on snowshoes in two hours or so. A less ambitious jaunt, from the Greenwood Road trailhead to this spot and back can be completed in less than an hour (with plenty of time left to relax at the top and enjoy the view). The park has well-marked trails (blazed by Blaine Mills) for all ages and abilities. Maps are available at the Greenwood Town Office and at the trailhead.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Town Meeting Season

Andover trims 15K from proposed budget

By ALISON ALOISIO

At last Saturday's annual town meeting, Andover residents cut funds from several accounts, reducing the proposed municipal appropriation by about \$15,000.

The \$562,494 appropriation that resulted is some \$42,000 higher than last year.

The 2010 appropriation of

\$520,000 was unusually low, according to Selectman Susan Merrow, because a road bond payment had ended and a new one had not yet started.

This year's appropriation is still significantly lower than that of the years 2001-2009, according to a graph in the town report.

About 65 residents took part

in Saturday's day-long meeting.

New Road Bond?

After the defeat Saturday of a motion to raise \$50,000 to begin building a fund for fixing a mile-long stretch of the Farmer's Hill Road, selectmen said they will research the feasibility of taking out a road bond for the project, to possibly be

discussed at next year's town meeting.

This year's article to raise funds for the road was proposed by road resident Sid Pew.

"The road is absolutely terrible," said Pew.

Last year the town took out a 10-year, \$500,000 road bond to

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Gilead voters will make the call on garage

By ALISON ALOISIO

At Saturday's annual town meeting, Gilead voters will decide whether or not to buy Cole's Custom Auto garage for \$133,500.

The article is one of 37 on the warrant.

If all the municipal money articles are approved (the school budget is not yet available), a total of \$235,874 would be raised from taxes, compared to \$268,831 last year, according to Town Clerk Lin Chapman.

The total would decline largely because selectmen recommend raising no funds this year for the Public Ways and Bridges Account. Last year, residents raised \$50,000.

This year's plan calls for taking \$34,000 from Surplus to fund the Public Ways account. The difference would be made up with state and local revenue.

Residents are also expected to establish an annual loan payments this year. A total of \$60,000 is proposed for that purpose, instead of the \$82,000

figure raised in past years.

Garage purchase

If voters approve the Cole property purchase, the building would become the town garage. Currently, Highway Department trucks share space with the Fire Department.

Last fall Ken Cole, Gilead's fire chief, offered the garage

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Fire, wind, water on Woodstock's warrant

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock residents will vote Monday on a municipal budget that includes proposals for enhanced fire protection, funds to fix a dam and money for a new plow truck.

They will also consider the sale of a former fire station, and the establishment of a committee to create a setback

ordinance for wind turbine projects.

The proposed municipal appropriation of \$1.37 million is \$133,000 more than last year.

Selectmen recommend \$15,000 to try a new fire department program that would see Woodstock and Greenwood firefighters share day-time hours on duty. The arrangement is recommended by both towns' fire chiefs because many volunteer firefighters are out of town for their jobs and cannot respond quickly to fires.

Another \$15,000 is proposed to establish an account to begin building a fund for fixing the Lake Christopher dam, which leaks.

Selectmen also recommend \$90,000 to buy a new plow truck. The money is already available in the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Account. The new vehicle would replace a 1999 vehicle.

Other large money articles include \$107,950 for winter road maintenance and

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Revaluation returns as an option for Upton

By ALISON ALOISIO

At their annual town meeting March 31, Upton voters will decide whether or not to

do a revaluation for the first time in at least two decades.

They rejected the same proposal at a special town meeting last September.

If the proposal is approved this time around, the impact on the municipal budget would be minimal, according to Jim Rector, the town's treasurer/tax collector, thanks in

part to a decline in the amount to be raised for school costs.

Approving a revaluation, along with all other money articles, would require raising \$146,379 from taxes, \$2,428 more than last year, he said.

The mill rate of 7.50 would likely increase to approximately 7.70, he said.

The revaluation would cost

an estimated \$34,000. Half of that would be put aside this year, and half next. Each time, \$8,500 would be raised from taxation and an equal amount would be taken from surplus.

Last fall, voters narrowly rejected the same amount by a 16-14 vote. Town officials presented information showing

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Letters

SAVING OUR DEER HERD

To the Editor:

The recent article about saving Maine's Deer herd in the Sun Journal once again amounts to fluff.

For over twenty years the state has had agreements in place with landowners to protect deer wintering areas and outreach to manage them. In the end, most agreements allow the landowner to accomplish what they want to on their property. Even the Bureau that oversees the management of Maine's Public Land has eliminated deer wintering area in the past.

It is time for action, Maine's Whitetail Deer herd in western, eastern and northern Maine is at a critical point. Current conditions have allowed coyotes and domestic dogs to kill a deer whenever they desire. Yes, a domestic dog running at large for only a short time is killing a deer somewhere!

There are currently laws in place to allow the Department to be proactive about the protection of our deer herd.

Commissioner Woodcock should take the lead and direct Maine wardens to aggressively pursue domestic dog problems statewide and coyote control efforts in Deer Wintering areas. There is not time to plan, action is needed, the next four weeks are critical to the survival of the whitetail deer.

Rick Mills
Andover

RAISING FUNDS FOR KRISTIE

To the Editor:

I am the owner of We've Got The Look located on Walker's Mill Road, Route 26 in Bethel. Outside of my shop I have a bottle bin to collect returnables to benefit various fundraisers for area youth.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has and continues to support this effort over the years.

The funds raised have been used to purchase jerseys for the Western Maine Youth Hockey as well as help cover expenses for their tournaments, football shirts for the Greenwood Wolf Pack Football Team, camp and pine wood derby cars for West Paris Boy Scout Troop 133.

I wish that everyone could see how excited the kids are when they receive their new jerseys and how proud they are to wear them. They are thrilled to be able to go to camp which is a new experience for many of them.

I believe it is very important that we provide our children with positive activities to be involved in and to show them that their communities support them is invaluable.

None of this would be possible without the donations from everyone who takes the time to save the bottles and stop by and drop them off.

For the next six weeks I will be donating all of the funds raised to my friend Kristie.

She has and continues to battle Stage 4 Lyme Disease and is now battling Double Breast Cancer.

She currently is unable to work because of the toll the treatment is taking. The funds raised will help Kristie to be able to remain in her apartment, close to her doctors and treatment facilities.

Thank you for finding it in your heart to stop by and donate, you are greatly appreciated.

Holly Roberts
Bethel

HOPING TO STAY ON THE JOB

To the Editor:

I am a candidate for Woodstock School Director for SAD 44 at the Woodstock town meeting on Monday, March 28.

As a current Woodstock School Director I am committed to the SAD 44 mission of providing the best possible education to our students.

At the same time I am very mindful that our local taxpayers are paying an increasing share of the costs. I will continue to work as hard as possible to balance these two needs.

One of the most critical issues facing the district is the decreasing amount of state aid to education and the future possibility of closing the Andover and Woodstock elementary schools.

At a recent SAD 44 Board of Directors meeting I voted against closing Andover Elementary School and cutting \$120,000 from the Woodstock Elementary School budget.

I want to consider cuts to the Woodstock budget in the context of the full SAD 44 budget. The successful vote to cut the Woodstock budget resulted in tabling the vote to close Woodstock Elementary School. I would have voted against the article to close Woodstock Elementary School if it had remained on the agenda.

These two elementary schools have been historically very successful at providing our children with an excellent education. Keeping them open is one of the best investments we can make in our children's education and the economic future of our towns. The schools are critical to our basic community development. Our general population is clearly graying and without younger people and families these towns are not sustainable. Young families often choose to move to a particular town because of local successful elementary schools.

I hope to be re-elected so that I can continue working for the benefit of SAD 44, our students, and our taxpayers.

Marcel Polak
Woodstock

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SHARING OUR FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES

To the Editor:

The volunteers of the Woodstock and Greenwood Fire Departments are dedicated to serving our communities, maintaining safety standards, and responding immediately to all emergencies. We have, however, identified a serious problem that has been magnified by our poor economy, lack of local jobs, and volunteers having to work outside the area: We cannot provide well-trained, responsive fire fighters during the normal work week.

With this in mind, we (Woodstock and Greenwood) have developed an enhanced mutual aid agreement that will fill this critical void while providing you the support you have enjoyed in the past and deserve in the future. We have worked together with the fire fighters, boards of selectmen, and town managers to develop job descriptions, operational procedures, equipment sharing, scheduling, and financial considerations. All groups have shown total support for the plan; however, it is you, the taxpayer, who must make the ultimate decision as to whether we implement this concept.

Woodstock and Greenwood will share alternate day, daytime coverage between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday with a two-person crew at our respective stations to be immediately responders for any call in either town. This will average 20 hours per week for the two-person crew from each town.

Woodstock will automatically respond to all Greenwood's calls and vice versa in order to put a crew on the scene as fast as possible. Other volunteers from the two towns will continue to respond as they have in the past.

In addition to improving our on-scene response, we will have the opportunity to complete the documentation, maintenance, service, testing, training, and inspections that are required by law. The requirements placed on us by the state, federal government, and special agencies and groups have gone well beyond what volunteers can do during our meetings and training sessions.

This concept will allow those on duty to fulfill many requirements while awaiting an emergency call. It will also allow us to work closer with the school, organizations, and you on fire prevention thereby making the community a safer place for everyone.

We have put a lot of time and energy into this concept and understand that this may be a hard time to bring this to a vote. We are finding that our volunteers are working further and further away from town and our daytime response times are increasing.

You deserve the best emergency services possible. This plan is a step in that direction. It is a program that will assist in the safety of the community while enabling the fire departments to meet their many requirements and the fire fighters to be better prepared for emergencies.

Geff Inman
Chief, Woodstock Fire Department

NOT THE TIME FOR GILEAD TO SPEND MORE MONEY

To the Editor:

To all voters in the Town of Gilead: There is a warrant article on the ballot for Saturday's town meeting that needs our urgent attention. Article 5 asks for authorization to borrow \$133,500 for the purchase of Cole's Custom Auto. Four subsequent articles ask for \$34,000 in improvements, acquisition costs, debt service and maintenance.

These articles have been foisted upon the Board of Selectmen and citizens through petition process, by a small but very vocal group who want to purchase this building for town use.

The intended use is to relocate all Highway Department vehicles and equipment to the new facility so the Fire Department can have the existing town garage for their sole use.

At a recent public hearing, members of the Fire Department expressed the sudden, critical need for more storage space. Prior to this meeting there has been no formal discussions with the Board of Selectmen regarding this need, only "water cooler chit chat," as in "wouldn't it be nice if ..."

Although I offered several alternative and less costly suggestions, they were rebuffed without explanation. In other words, purchasing this building is the only option.

We need to closely examine the numbers. These articles will add \$22,000 to our annual operating budget. At present, Gilead owes in excess of \$143,000 for road improvements, a fire truck and a town office. At the last selectmen's meeting I discussed a "debt snowball" plan whereby the town could be completely debt free in the second quarter of 2013.

Two other expense items that have not been brought to the public's attention are school funding and our road infrastructure.

We have been unofficially notified that our state education funding is going to be reduced by over \$100,000. Coupled with annual costs for another facility, this represents a 25 percent increase in our annual budget and a corresponding increase in our taxes.

Also our selectmen have been discussing our deteriorating road infrastructure which needs an action and funding plan. We may be looking at well over \$500,000. Do we borrow this money? Do we phase in this expense? Whatever plan the selectmen present will no doubt increase our budget and taxes.

For the record, I respect and admire the firefighters of Gilead. Their courage, dedication and self-sacrifice are exemplary. However, given our current debt situation, budget and future outlays, I feel it would be fiscally irresponsible to purchase any additional real estate and incur additional operating expenses at this time. I hope you will attend the town meeting on Saturday at 7 p.m. and respectfully say no to this request.

Mark S. Wigley
Gilead

Channel 11

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chise fees paid to local towns by Time-Warner Cable.

Bethel has traditionally contributed half its fee, and last year that money, \$5,858, made up well over half of the channel's \$9,558 budget.

Without Bethel's contribution, Town Manager Jim Doar told the two boards, "Channel 11 would most likely go away."

Greenwood and Woodstock contributed their entire fees (\$867 and \$1,633 respectively), and Newry \$1,000 of its \$7,000 fee.

Channel 11 programming includes school programs, graduations, tapes submitted by individuals, weekly readings of The Bethel Citizen, downloads of electronic media, as well as 20 live Telstar basketball games each season.

But Doyon questioned whether the station was "really viable."

"What does it do?" he asked. "How many people are watch-

ing it? ... Does anybody here watch it?"

Budget Committee member Steve Etheridge had a similar view.

"They're asking us for \$320 per basketball game to televise those basketball games to who knows who," Etheridge said.

It was also noted that people in Bethel who are not on the cable system cannot get Channel 11.

But Selectman Don Bennett saw the matter differently.

"We can sit here and try to quantify whether 12 people watch it, or 300 — whatever. But I know for a fact that there are many people who very much enjoy it, and having the paper, that they either can't read or can't read well or understand, read to them."

"And they certainly enjoy the graduation stuff that happens and the ball games that are on there as well."

"Money is money and I un-

derstand that well, but in the scheme of things [cutting the contribution] is not something that I can support."

The \$2,000 for fireworks that the Budget Committee is recommending against is for the display traditionally held on the first Saturday of July, not the larger Mollycoddett Day display later that month (which is corporate supported).

Doyon supported the early fireworks.

"Fireworks and apple pie — you can't take that away on the Fourth of July," he argued.

But Budget Committee member Jim Bennett said Bethel's fireworks that weekend pale in comparison to the \$10,000 shows in other nearby towns, "and very few people come to watch them here."

Bethel voters will have the final say on both matters, at their annual town meeting, June 15.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Bethel Fire Department was one of eleven teams to race in the annual Firefighters' Race at Sunday River. Auburn F.D. took first place followed by Lewiston, Bethel and Newry.

The Mahosuc Mountain Rescue Team had recently completed a one-week stay at Chimney Pond on Mt. Katahdin assisting park personnel and training.

The Bethel Area Poets Society held a poetry reading at Café DiCocoa.

Births: Jaylee Brooke Jackson, Lilo Libby Bean, Ian Clark Jack, Bryce Leroy Koskela.

20 years ago: Students who participated in Crescent Park School's cross-country ski program enjoyed an end-of-the-season outdoor picnic and free skiing at Sunday River Inn.

The Bethel Farmers' Market held its annual start-up meeting at Telstar High School.

Births: Peter Timothy Mills, James Albert Kimball.

Deaths: Dorothy E. Grant, Lora M. Noyes.

30 years ago: The barn on the former Edmund Smith farm, off the Flat Road in West Bethel, lost part of its roof during gale-force winds.

Birth: Kurt Alan Milligan.

Deaths: Frances Talbot Crane, Alice K. Fales.

40 years ago: Sepp Gmuender, manager of Sunday River Skiway, announced it would be open daily through Easter Sunday, April 11.

Births: Trudi Lorraine Gault, Andrew Paul Salway, Edward Orrie Rice.

Deaths: Viola R. Brown, John Howe V.

50 years ago: The Chapel Aid Society of the West Bethel Union Church held a Style Show and Buffet Supper at the Pleasant Valley Grange Hall.

Gail Learned was crowned queen of Andover's Winter Carnival.

Birth: Catherine Gay James. **Deaths:** Mrs. Grace M. Allen, Orman F. Bennett, Mrs. Linda M. Korhonen, Mrs. Fijia H. Liimatta.

60 years ago: Beginning with the spring term the cost of school lunches was being increased to 25 cents per day.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Boynton and family moved into their new home on Paradise.

Deaths: Henry Flint, Wallace E. Cummings, Alby A. Grover, Mrs. Cara Wheeler, Mrs. Nellie Holt, Mrs. Maude Rice, Lucy S. Briggs, Mrs. Nellie Noyes.

70 years ago: Six Bethel young men were among 35 leaving Rumford March 17 for military training. They were A. Lincoln Merrill, Donald S. Brown, Harris E. Tyler, Stanley Carter, Gaston M. J. Latondresse, and George Parsons.

Carl Hamlin and son of South Waterford were injured when their car collided with a P. H. Chadbourn & Co. truck driven by Earl Bean, at Lynchville.

Lines of the Van Tel, and Tel. Co., were extended more than 40 miles during the winter, including service in Newry, Hanover and Gilead.

Death: Mrs. Susie B. Twitcheil.

80 years ago: The car of Leroy Andrews was stolen from upper Main Street and found overturned in a snowbank on Spring Street.

Deaths: Mrs. Angie Bean, John Vashaw, Freeland Herrick, Cleve Brown, Fred Stearns, Gladys Kearney, William H. Marston.

90 years ago: At the adjourned Bethel town meeting Fred F. Bean, Wade H. Thurston, and Fred B. Howe were chosen selectmen. Pay of selectmen and road commissioner was increased to \$3.50 and \$5 respectively.

100 years ago: In a week the fund for the Gould Academy laboratory reached \$510.

Cards received from Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kilborn told of their visit at Assuan on the Nile.

A Union Temperance meeting was held at the Congregational Church.

Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel was the featured speaker at the National Horseshoers convention in Portland.

Deaths: Sylvanus Mason, Edgar S. Brown, Mrs. Samuel Estes.

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Beyond Bethel
If service were extended to Montreal, station stops would be planned for Berlin and North Stratford, N.H. Vermont residents could use the North Stratford station, which is located on the New

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24 Hour Emergency

A final report on the study is expected within a month. A copy of last week's Power Point presentation, with additional cost figures, can be seen at www.atrcmpo.org.

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24 Hour Emergency

Emergency Service

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Notice to Veterans

Veterans or Widows of Veterans age 62 or older, who may be eligible for property tax exemption under our Maine Laws, should be familiar with the requirement; where by, application for tax exemption must be made to the Assessors before April 1st of the year in which exemption is expected to begin.

Blind Exemption

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Andover

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fix other roads. Selectmen said building Farmer's Hill Road would have used up most of those funds, so they elected instead to fix the greater number of roads.

Part of that work was done last year, at a cost of \$220,000. The rest will be done this year, they said.

After the 2011 work goes out to bid, the board will see how much money is left, and plan from there on Farmer's Hill.

Reductions

Several accounts were reduced to amounts less than recommended by the selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Among them: Town Office/General Municipal Accounts was reduced to \$61,000, from the proposed \$67,000; the Transfer Station Account was reduced to \$55,000, from the recommended \$58,000; the Designated New Highway Equipment Account was reduced to \$5,000 from the recommended \$10,000.

Just before the vote was taken to cut the Transfer Station, Dinah Cutting said, "If you need to close the town office for a day, close it. If you need to close the transfer station for a day, close it. We can't sustain the level of living we've had in the past."

Also reduced was a recommended \$13,934 in compensation for the town treasurer. A figure of \$10,500 was approved instead.

The time needed each week to complete the treasurer's work was the subject of a lengthy debate. When new treasurer Barbara Simmons took over the job last year, the guidelines stipulated she work 10 hours a week. But she and the selectmen said that 20 hours were needed. Voters decided on a limit of 15.

Residents did approve paying Simmons \$2,000 as compensation for extra work she did in 2010.

Also approved was a total of \$19,150 for new accounting and tax-related software at the town office.

An article requested by Freeman Farrington to sell the 37-acre Grimaldi Recreation Field was easily defeated.

Farrington had described the field as a "headache" for selectmen, who he said must routinely deal with disputes over its use.

But others said the land sees heavy use from ATVs, snowmobilers, horseback riders and others. When the vote was taken, many applauded the result.

They also approved renaming the field "Andover Multi-Use Recreation Area," but turned down an article to post it as a no-hunting area. Former Game Warden Rick Mills, who attended the meeting, said in response to a question that current laws are adequate to prevent hunting at

the location.

He added, however, that the boundaries of the lot are not marked and the half-dozen points of access to it should be consolidated.

Residents also turned down a proposal to donate an old 1982 fire truck to Region 9 for use in a proposed new firefighter training program. The Fire Department has tried unsuccessfully to sell the truck over the past year, but voters said they wanted that effort to continue.

Late in the meeting, the four dozen voters who had stayed for the duration voted on taking a stand against commercial wind power projects in Andover and the surrounding region.

Some said the town should not take a stand on such a topic, while others said so few people should not make such a decision. But, Dick Merrill argued, "This world is run by those people who show up."

Selectmen Susan Merrow said that while Andover itself likely presents little opportunity for such development, a project planned for nearby Roxbury would be visible.

The vote was 27-20 to oppose such projects.

In town elections held Tuesday, Merrow defeated write-in candidate Jackie Gammon 149-59, and School Director Tim Akers, running unopposed, garnered 216 votes.

Woodstock

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\$80,500 for summer roads, both the same as last year, and \$112,000 for the town's share in the G&W Recycling Center (up \$4,000 from last year).

A total of \$13,949 will be considered for community agency contributions, down \$500 from last year.

Fire Station sale

Voters will also decide whether to sell the former fire station building and adjacent lot on Railroad Street.

Donated funds had been used to renovate the building for use as a recreation center, but it has seen little use.

If the sale is approved, the gifts, totaling \$20,000, could be returned to the donors.

Selectmen have suggested using the basement of the Whitman Memorial Library, rather than the old station, for recreation functions.

If all money articles are approved and the estimated SAD 44 budget share (\$1.27 million, \$300,000 higher than the current share) is accurate, the mill rate would increase to 15.14 mills, up from 12.6.

Ordinances

A citizen-requested ordinance asks:

"Shall the town vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of Woodstock residents to develop an ordinance that will require a minimum setback distance between an industrial wind turbine and a residential structure of a nonparticipating owner?"

It was requested by Denise Hall, vice president of the Friends of Spruce Mountain, which has opposed a proposed, commercial wind power project on that mountain.

Hall explained, "If the article is approved, the purpose of the 'committee' would be to develop, with input from residents, an ordinance that will protect the health, safety, quality of life and property values of the residents and property owners of Woodstock who may be affected by the development and operation of a wind energy facility."

In the end, the ordinance may or may not include mini-

mum setbacks, but it will protect the town in a comprehensive way.

"The ordinance will not be retro-active to projects that have been approved prior to its adoption by the town, but it will protect residents and property owners if other wind energy facilities are proposed in the future."

Another ordinance-related article proposes revisions to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

In municipal elections, the seats of Selectman Bruce Korhonen, School Director Marcel Polak, and library Trustees Sonja Davis and Edwin Howe will all be voted upon. Korhonen is not seeking reelection.

Former selectman Steve Bies is running for the seat. The other incumbents are running unopposed, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

The meeting will be held at the Woodstock Elementary School and will begin at 7 p.m.

Upton

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discrepancies in valuation among individual properties, and said that under state law, the town could lose state tree growth reimbursements if its valuations are found too unrealistic.

But some residents argued Upton only receives about \$17,000 annually from the state, and twice that would be saved by foregoing a revaluation.

If it is approved this year, the revaluation would likely start in the fall and be completed next year, before next year's tax bills go out, Rector said.

"It's a good time to do the revaluation, while the school costs are down," he said.

Other money articles

Those costs will decrease thanks to carryover from last year's school budget. The amount to be raised will de-

cline by \$4,000. The overall school budget will increase slightly (from \$80,643 to \$83,080). Upton sends six students to SAD 44.

For the support of municipal buildings, selectmen propose \$21,000, with \$8,000 from taxation and \$13,000 from surplus.

Rector said some of the money would be used to paint the Schoolhouse building and replace windows.

The project was originally planned for last year, but did not go forward, he said.

The appropriation would also cover two projects that have already been completed — a new metal roof on the town office and improvements to the town garage.

In a continuing scholarship commitment, \$3,000 is proposed for the town's high school graduates seeking

post-secondary education.

The town awards \$1,000 a year for each student, for each year of undergraduate work.

Also up for a vote is whether or not to rescind the allocation of town funds for high school students attending private school, up to the state-approved tuition rate.

In town elections, selectman Norman Mercier and School Committee member Jennifer Casey are expected to run again, Rector said.

The one-year terms of Rector and Town Clerk Michelle Bouchard are also up for vote.

Rector said he did not know of anyone else running for any of the positions to be voted upon.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Schoolhouse.

Gilead

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for sale to the town. The building, with approximately .5 acre of land, has been listed with Maine Street Realty for \$159,900.

Residents voted in November to direct selectmen to negotiate a price for them to consider. The issue has been the subject of debate since then, as well as several petitions asking the selectmen to conclude the negotiations within a certain time period and bring a figure to a special town meeting. But the board decided last month the best course of action would be to present the proposal at the annual town meeting.

If residents decide in favor

of the purchase, they will then vote on a recommended \$8,600 to cover monthly payments for the remainder of the year, according to Chapman. The loan would extend for 15 years, with an average monthly payment of \$1,000.

Several other articles also relate to the purchase: \$8,000 to cover the cost of the sale (bank appraisal, soils test, bank fees); \$10,000 for maintenance of the land and building; and \$7,500 to drill a well. The garage-related articles total \$34,100 for this year.

Chapman said the figure for maintenance might be higher than what will actually be

needed, but it includes such expenses as insurance on the building, electricity and oil.

Among other large money articles: \$21,000 to operate the transfer station (down \$5,000), and \$25,500 for town salaries (up \$2,000 from last year, and includes raises for the administrative assistant, town clerk and treasurer).

Officers up for re-election to three-year terms are Selectman Jeremy Morin and School Director Ann Choquette.

Running against Morin is Joe Beaudreau.

Saturday's meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Ken Carson is such a doll!! He's handsome, debonair, a real classy dresser and doesn't mind being with an older woman. He really is such a doll, I mean really, Ken Carson is Barbie's on again, off again, on again boyfriend. And yes, his name really is Ken Carson.

Some of you may recall that Barbie hit the half-century mark two years ago and now Ken has celebrated his 50th birthday too. If he hasn't received a letter from AARP yet, I'm sure he will.

This is a big year for Ken. Not only did he reach a landmark birthday he also got back together with Barbie after a seven-year split. I guess I haven't been very turned into the Barbie and Ken saga because I didn't even know they had broken up. In fact, I didn't even know that plastic dolls could break up.

Apparently the split dominated the doll world gossip back in 2004 when Barbie fell head over plastic heels for an Australian boogie board surfer dude named Blaine and left Ken with a broken heart. I wonder if Mattel released a new "Barbie that year called "Fickle Barbie."

I don't know what happened between Barbie and Blaine. Maybe they broke up a long time ago or maybe Barbie, now at age 52 got a little tired of the beach surfer thing, though I understand she still looks pretty good in a bikini. Or maybe Blaine wasn't into post-menopausal dolls.

Whatever the case, Barbie and Ken reconciled and got back together on Valentine's Day of this year. Isn't that

sweet??? Can marriage be that far off??? The message posted to the world when the romantic couple were reunited was, "We may be plastic, but our love is real."

From the research I have been doing on Ken and Barbie I'm beginning to think that for some people the line between plastic and real is a bit blurred. I'm talking about adults here, not little girls.

What's next, "Viagra Ken"?

I was astounded to discover there was a story line at all let alone a break up and reconciliation. I was even more astounded to find out that there is a Barbie television network on which Ken has a reality show, and he has a Facebook page and a Twitter account. I'm a real live person and I don't have a Facebook page or a Twitter account.

As a kid I did have a Barbie doll and I played with her a lot. I cut her hair, did a garish makeup job on her face with acrylic paints from a Paint-By-Number set and I created some very strange outfits from old curtains and such, but I never once thought she was real.

I never had a Ken doll because by March 11, 1961, when he was created, or as some fans think he was born, I had pretty much discovered that there were boys who were not made of plastic so had little interest in one who was.

When I read that Ken had reached the big 5-0 I decided to learn a little more about him and found that the 12" doll hunk, like Barbie has gone through many transformations over the years.

Ken started out with molded hair available in blond or brunette and he wore red swim trunks. That was it; nothing very fancy. By 1972 "Mod Ken" was introduced with rooted hair and he even had attachable facial hair so his owner could give him a mustache and/or beard. In 1992 "Totally Hair Ken" came on the market and included a tube of styling gel to work into his abundance of rooted hair. I didn't make this stuff up, these dolls really existed.

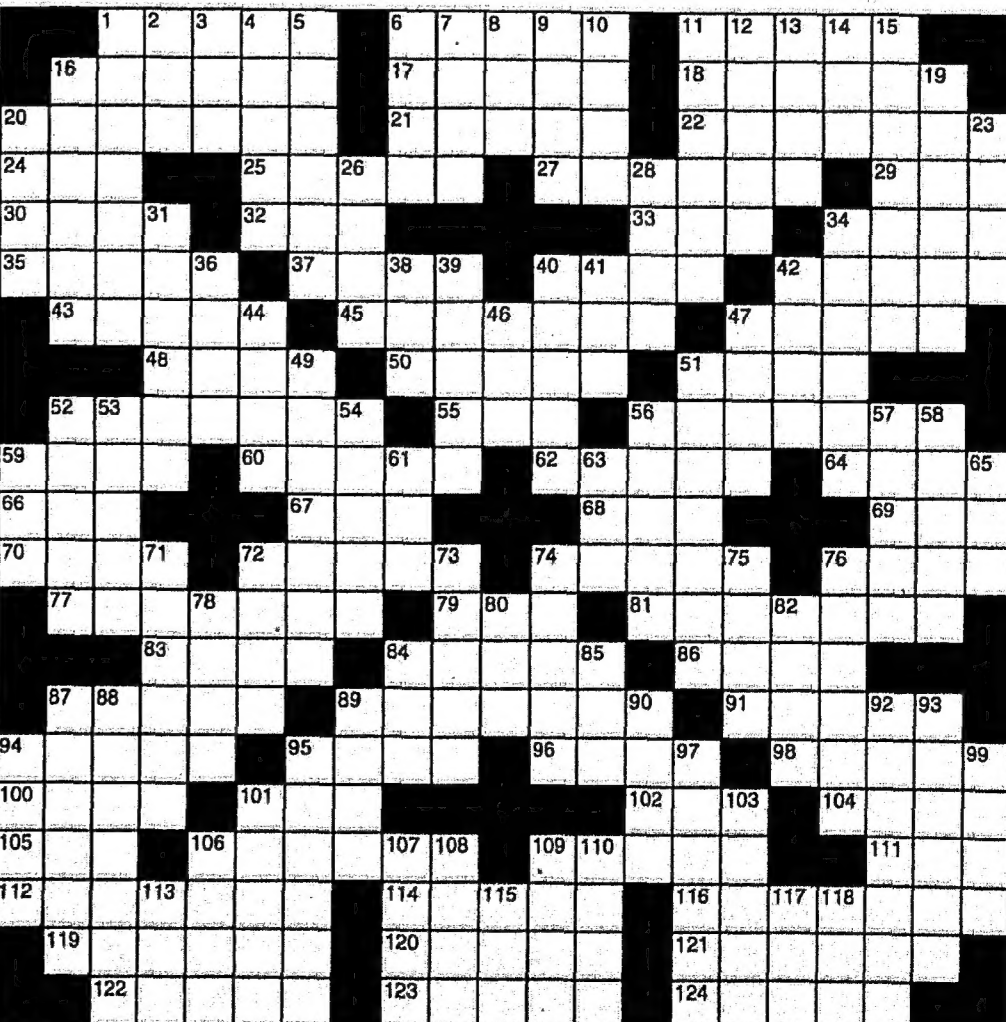
There has been: "Superstar Ken", "Hippie Ken" with shoulder length hair, "Olympic Medal Winner Ken", "Harley Davidson Motorcycle Ken" and "Dream Date Ken" just to name a few.

In celebration of Ken's 50th birthday Mattel has introduced "Sweet Talking Ken" who has a built-in microphone so a 5 second recording of whatever you want to say can be made. I can only imagine what I would have done with something like that when I was a kid.

What's next, "Viagra Ken"?

Who knows what's next for Ken. This is his banner year and I'm sure he will have many more to come, but the way I see it, no matter what his achievements or hair styles he will never be more than a 12" piece of plastic to me.

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OCSD Patrol Log:

Tuesday, March 15

At 6:03 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown and Deputy Matt Noyes responded to the West Bethel Road in Bethel for a suspicious-looking male going door-to-door and asking questions. The subject was located and deputies confirmed everything was legitimate.

At 12:36 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall received a late report of a hit-and-run accident at Eden Ridge Condos in Bethel.

Wednesday, March 16

At 2:17 a.m. Deputy Matt Baker responded to Route 2 in Hanover for a vehicle off the road.

At 6:26 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to the North Road in Bethel for a car-deer accident.

At 8:14 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby and Deputies Josh Wyman and Mike Parshall responded to Spring Street in Bethel for a report of a subject lying in the road. The subject was found to be intoxicated and was taken to the hospital by Rescue.

At 10:44 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to Angevine Park in Bethel for a report that a deer was trapped inside the park.

At 11:08 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to the Sunday River Road in Bethel for a request to locate a person.

At 7:29 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder was approached in a store in Bethel about the theft of two pairs of skis in Newry.

At 11:15 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to a Greenwood residence to assist on a Rescue call.

Thursday, March 17

At 12:14 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Route 2 in Bethel for a report of two males and a female standing around.

At 2 a.m. on Mechanic Street in Bethel Deputy Dennis Ryder arrested Joshua A. Bennett, 21, of Rangeley Place for OUI.

At 4:55 a.m. on Route 26 in Newry Cpl. Chancey Libby wrote traffic tickets for the operation of an overloaded vehicle on a posted roadway.

At 7:50 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and Deputy Mike Parshall received a report of trucks operating on a posted road on Grover Hill Road in Bethel. The trucks were traveling to a work site empty, but they were advised they can only haul out if it is below freezing.

At 11:20 a.m. a caller on Mayville Road in Bethel reported someone tried to copy down credit card information while he was making a purchase in a business.

Friday, March 18

At 11:29 a.m. a caller on the Skiway Road in Newry asked to speak to a deputy about a theft.

At 6:17 p.m. a caller reported a neighbor had witnessed someone steal some property from his residence on Vernon Street in Bethel.

Saturday, March 19

At 5:53 p.m. a caller on the Flat Road in Bethel reported a subject had been calling/texting continuously after being told to stop.

Sunday, March 20

At 3:35 p.m. Deputies Dennis Ryder and George Cayer responded to Mill Hill in Bethel for a report of a tour bus off the road. The fire chief was already there and was able to get the bus out of the ditch. There was no damage or injuries.

At 4:17 p.m. a caller reported erratic operation on Route 26 in Greenwood heading into Bethel. Deputy Matt Baker was assigned.

At 5:39 p.m. a request was made for a welfare check on the Intervale Road. in Bethel. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

At 5:59 p.m. Deputies Dennis Ryder and Matt Baker received a report of property stolen from a vehicle the night before while it was parked on Summer Street in Bethel.

Monday, March 21

At 10:57 a.m. a subject on the Flat Road in Bethel reported ongoing telephone harassment. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 11:05 a.m. on Nevel Road in Andover Lt. Tom Harriman assisted with a DV victim followup.

At 1:22 p.m. an accident was reported on Crescent Lane in Bethel. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 4:49 p.m. Lt. Tom Harriman conducted a followup on a domestic violence case on Mechanic Street in Bethel.

At 5:54 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Route 232 in Woodstock for a vehicle off the road, no injuries.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of OCSD activity.

Oxford County EMA commissions "Community Notification" system

OXFORD COUNTY – Area residents and businesses will soon have a new tool to receive rapid information, notifications and warnings from public safety officials regarding dangerous incidents or other emergencies. The new system, funded through a Homeland Security Grant Program, allows officials to provide essential and immediate information to virtually every household in Oxford County. "If you have a working landline phone, we can warn you of a local danger," stated Scott Parker of the Oxford County Emergency Management Agency. Avtex corporation's Citywatch system provides emergency officials the means to quickly deliver emergency messages to areas as small as a few households or to the entire county. The system automatically places telephone calls to deliver emergency information. Area residents who depend on cellular or "voice over internet protocol" communications will be able to register their emergency contact information directly through an online link available on the Oxford County EMA website. The system can also deliver e-mail, SMS text notifications along with TTY for the hearing impaired upon registration. Beyond the obvious benefits during emergency situations, the system will be made available for area towns to deliver non-emergency information such as school closings, meeting cancellations or messages to municipally-sponsored organizations and committees. The grant proposal was submitted following extensive planning and proposal reviews conducted in 2009 and 2010 by county emergency management officials.

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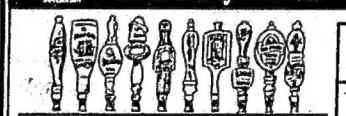
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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



This is the first full week-end of spring, and the forecast calls for great conditions for spring skiing and snowshoeing. Sunday River has a full line-up of outdoor activities scheduled for the weekend. The 3rd Annual Dumont Cup takes place March 24-26. Bethel native Simon Dumont is designing the course, on which top free-skiing professionals and 200 amateurs will compete. The 26th Annual Maine Handicapped Skiing Ski-A-Thon is March 26. Participants will raise money to support the free programs that benefit adaptive skiers and riders. On March 27 the 21st Annual Eat the Heat Chili Cook-off and Firefighters Race will also raise money for Maine handicapped skiing. All the events are open to the public.

Sunday, March 27, is also SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River. "Show ID and ski for free." Don't forget that the Sunday River Outdoor Center also participates in SAD 44 Free Ski Day. The center has 35 kilometers of cross-country and snowshoe trails, including trails that go to the Artist's Bridge and up Barker Mountain with magnificent views of the Sunday River Valley.

Maine Maple Sunday is March 27. This traditional event, when many maple sugar producers are open to the public, is always the fourth Sunday in March. Most sugar houses feature demonstrations of boiling down sap and free samples of syrup or



WHITNEY RECEIVES AWARD FOR HEROISM—Last week, Bethel firefighter Andy Whitney (far right) received the American Red Cross Public Safety Real Heroes Award at a ceremony in Lewiston. He was honored for his rescue last June of Millie Jackson from Round Pond. Jackson's car had gone off Route 26 into the pond. Whitney, who happened to be driving by, swam out and pulled her to safety through the car window. He is shown here with other Red Cross hero award recipients. (Submitted photo)

candy. Some farms offer food, tours of the farm, or visits with the animals. Two local farms participating are McAllister Farms Sugar House (phone 890-0318) and Thunder Hill Farm (phone 583-4146), both located in Waterford. McAllister Farms Sugar House will be open both Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturday, breakfast will be served at the North Waterford Church. Thunder Hill Farm is a steer farm, and will have demonstrations of working steer team and collecting sap. Weather permitting, visitors can view highland beef cattle. If you haven't gone to a Maple Sugar Sunday event, it is a great way to learn about one of our local food products. Pick one or more farms and visit them. Wear boots. It's usually muddy. Be prepared to eat and buy syrup to take home. For more information on activities across the state, visit the Maine Maple Producers website at www.mainemapleproducers.com. Our condolences and prayers

are with the family and friends of Eric Gunther who died last week in Tennessee. A memorial service for Eric will be held on Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m. at the Bethel United Methodist Church.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH



April Fool came early this year, in the form of a bunch of snow on Monday. Schools were closed at noon in anticipation of several inches. Just goes to show you, don't plant your spring crops in Maine until March is over. Sometimes it's the snowiest month of winter.

Bethel Rotary held one of its famous breakfasts Sunday morning at Gould's dining hall. We sat at a table with

Jane Hosterman and Barbara Mahler and got caught up on each other's lives. We arrived shortly after 7:30 to enjoy our meal, and afterward we headed to Black Mountain to see the last of three days of Nordic ski racing for the Eastern States High School Championship.

As I explained last week, the teams comprised 24 girls and 24 boys from each of five states -- New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and New York. These were all terrific skiers, making the races really exciting to watch. Maine's team came in third overall for the weekend, with Vermont first, Massachusetts second, New Hampshire fourth, and New York fifth.

There was one 5 km skate race on Friday; a 1.2 km free-style sprint on Saturday morning; a sit-ski lap of .8 km skied by Christina Kourous, granddaughter of former West Bethel resident June Abbott (Christina finished in 2:52.8, cheered on by crowds of fellow skiers); and a 4x4 mixed

relay on Saturday afternoon (two laps of classic, two laps of skate, a boy and a girl doing one each of classic, another boy and girl doing one each of skate). Maine had one of its four-person teams come in third among fifty teams.

Sunday's race was a 7.5 km classic race, and overnight freezing temperatures firmed up the snow enough to make for a decent course. Among the girls the first place winner was Corey Stock of Lincoln, Mass., 26 seconds ahead of number two. In eighth place was Bethel's own Alice Hottopp, and Molly Siegel came in fourteenth in a field of 98 skiers.

Maine boys had two finishers in the top fifteen with Tom Rabon of Leavitt in second place, .07 second behind Eli Hoenig of Sudbury, Mass.; and Silas Eastman of Fryeburg in fourth place, 17.4 seconds behind the winner. Now that's a close race! There were over 100 boys racing, including Adam Mahler of Telstar and Jeb Clarke of Gould.

As a proud grandma, I have to tell you that Molly Siegel came in eighth among 101 women skiers and first among Maine female skiers for the entire weekend racing program. All of Maine's skiers, male and female, skied hard and well and are to be congratulated for representing their state proudly. Kudos go also to the Chisholm Ski Club which always does a superior job of organizing the races and preparing the race course.

This is Grange week, and Pleasant Valley Grange will be meeting tonight at Ina Grover's home for potluck dinner, followed by a business meeting. John Applin says he hopes that April's meeting can be held at the Grange Hall once again. Cold weather and astronomical heating costs have made it impossible to meet there during the winter months. The way it looks as I write this, one wonders if spring will ever get here. But you know, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Also on the calendar for this evening, March 24, is a treat for music lovers. Two of the Music Without Borders students, Robert Poortinga and Vesko Ninov, will be in Bethel to present a Steinway Series recital. It will be held in the McLaughlin Science Building Auditorium at Gould Academy at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited, and there is no admission charge!

We have been seeing huge flocks of redpolls at the feeders and on the ground. On Monday flocks of juncos appeared as well. On our morning walks Jake and I have heard the woodpeckers pecking, the titmice calling "Peter, Peter," and the chickadees singing their "fee-bee" spring song. Maybe these birds know something we don't. Let's hope they're right.

I'm starting to look for signs of spring bulbs appearing. What have you seen to show that spring is on the



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East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Well, so much for the first day of spring. Hopefully we will see more bright sunshine again by the time you read this.

My kids all arrived safe and well at their destination in Wyoming Saturday evening. I miss them all very much and especially miss hearing, "Oma, did you bring me a cookie?"

I am sure that Chuck and Angela Haines want everybody to know that Allen is safe. As you may recall he is stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and we have all been horrified by the tragedy unfolding there. Many thoughts and prayers to Allen, our soldiers, and the citizens of Japan.

On a lighter note, Tammy Hinckley celebrated her birthday on March 22. Happy Birthday and we all hope you had a nice day.

I want to thank John and Eva Coolidge for my belated birthday dinner and cake.

The Alder River Grange will meet on March 25 at Stan Howe's on Broad Street. As usual there will be a potluck at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting starting at 7 p.m.

This week it's time for the new Trivia question again. "What can you tell me about the 1872 Town meeting?" Please, remember to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@

megalink.net with your answers, news, suggestions, or questions. Thank you. Happy spring!

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Just when you think that Spring has arrived, the weatherman announces that Monday

will bring anywhere from 3 to 6 inches of snow. Of course, since it is still March, we kind of expect something like this. Sunday was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and the snow was melting. The Robin was back hopping around on the part of the lawn where the snow has melted. He seemed happy to see some bare ground even though the grass is not green yet.

My brother, Steve McLain, spent most of Saturday in town helping compile the Annual Report for the Town of Gilead.

Steve and Lise McLain went to the Rotary Breakfast last Sunday with Brad McLain, Carole Mason, Ryan Seames and Emily Philbrick.

Our granddaughter spent last Saturday evening and Sunday with us. We had a director's meeting for the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association on Sunday afternoon. Sidney went with us and spent the afternoon visiting with Kevin Briggs, since the meeting was at his father's house in Bryant Pond.

The "crew" gathered last Friday and Saturday at the Town Office to volunteer to help with finishing off the

town report. Alicia McLean, Jeremy Morin and Lin Chapman worked on Friday, and then on Saturday, Jeremy Morin and Lin Chapman were joined by Hugh Chapman and Steve McLain. The photocopies were laid out on the big table in the meeting room. Jeremy, Lin and Hugh put the books together and Steve was in charge of stapling them. Jeremy and Steve spent Saturday afternoon delivering as many of the reports as they could. This was a good example of teamwork and working together to get a boring job done.

This is the last reminder that Town Meeting is coming right up this Saturday, March 26. Please arrive early. Your vote does matter! Ask questions and find out why you, as a voter, are being asked to borrow or raise money for the items on the warrant. Do not rely on hearsay. Sometimes bad decisions are made when a voter does not have all the right information they should have when making decisions on how their tax money is spent.

Anyone needing to register to vote will need to bring proof of residency with them. Proof of residency can be a current document that shows the name and address of the

person applying to register to vote.

According to the Maine Municipal Association, the residence of a person is "that place where the person has established a fixed and principal home to which the person, whenever temporarily absent, intends to return."

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Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Hello once again, happy spring! It is spring, right? We've set our clocks ahead and celebrated St. Patty's

Day, but wait -- where's the bare ground? Rest assured, it is coming. We cannot remain locked in the throws of win-

ter forever. I will miss sliding and snowshoeing, but I am anxiously awaiting grass and bare feet!

This week has been quiet and dull, at least for us up here in this end of the valley. I tried making a few phone calls and even sent out an e-mail, probing for something exciting to write about. Alas, nada, zero, zip, zilch, so please be content to hear about, well, this --

Spring is a reawakening, a time of new life and fresh starts and it is time for life here on the farm to flourish as well. Espri is due to kid April 10. For those of you who aren't acquainted with her, she is my Saanen doe. Last July she was the proud mother of two lovely doelings, who are now bouncy, fence-jumping, bratty goats. I start getting excited and nervous about three weeks before the big day, readying myself for the impending delivery and the responsibilities that accompany it.

On hand I need to have my baby goat tote full of clean rags, iodine, embroidery floss and a few other essentials, nipples and bottles, a clean milking pail and limber fin-

gers. I stopped milking back in November when she was bred so I am bound to be a bit out of sorts. Luckily for me Espri is a patient and affectionate goat. Twice a day she hops up on to the milking stand where she happily enjoys her grain while I milk. I actually enjoy our quiet time out in the barn.

My mind numbly wanders as my senses take in the surrounding offers of Essie chewing, a hen nearby twittering to her chicks, a warm breeze wafting through the open door and the additional company of an occasional dog or cat. Soon enough I will be making cheese again and I venture to try making soap for the first time real soon, I truly love living a farmer's life.

I did notice this week that the snowmobilers have been trailering their machines further up the road this week. Trail reports mentioned that the trails between the Corner and Grafton as spotty but 182 up through the Notch is still covered in snow -- for now. This new blanket of snow should extend riding for a bit longer so all the diehards can hopefully get one last ride

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in before they begrudgingly retire their sleds until next year.

Maple syrup is still flowing, not every day but with persistence, anyone collecting for home use, should end the season satisfied. I have been having withdrawals, really wanting to have a hand in sap collecting and syrup making but our taps are hiding. Probably for the best as I seem to have enough to do around here as it is - we will just have to enjoy syrup a bit more sparingly this year. What else tastes good on pancakes?

Have a fantastic week!

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Gardner Roberts Memorial Library officials had a meeting on March 15 in the library. Eight officers

attended the meeting that was chaired by President Donna Worcester. Two others were present. Plans are being made for summer projects. As reported by Darlene Baker the Library Bees are making a quilt with an old-fashioned theme to be raffled during the summer. They are hoping to raise enough money to purchase a storage building to be installed next to the library. The voting members authorized Librarian Peggy Susbury to purchase a tent shelter to use over the picnic table for summer children's projects. New books have been purchased and Peggy continues categorizing children's books.

The annual drying-out season seems to be upon us with mud a prominent feature in many driveways and woods roads. Several feet of snow remain in the woods but grass spots have begun to appear along roadsides and in fields with a southwest exposure. Animals between seasons are appearing here and there. Some have seen weasels, fishers, martens and skunks. It is the smell of skunks the folks notice mostly. Deer, moose and coyotes are often visitors

to the area. We have not heard any bear stories yet but they should show up soon.

We heard recently that Joyce Perkins, 63, died at her home on Brewer Lake. Joyce and her husband, Coach Jerry Perkins, lived many years in the Staples house on the Howard Pond Road until their retirement.

The Knights of Pythias John F. Burton Memorial Bowling Tournament was last Sunday at Augusta. The top team came from Boothbay with Andover's Cabot 1 taking second place. Andover's Cabot 2, also known as Roger's Team, finished in fourth place. Congratulations to bowlers from Cabot Lodge 117. The team from Hiassee Lodge 18 in East Stoneham also placed well. A pizza and salad banquet was served and followed with award presentations. The tournament next year will likely be in Brewer.

Get well wishes to Sara Worcester who recently had day surgery at Maine Medical Center in Portland. She continues recovery at home.

Get well wishes to Vicki Clark who is hospitalized at Rumford Hospital.

Stay safe, don't get stuck and good gosh, do not go onto the ice! It ain't safe.

Greenwood City

By WAYNE HAKALA



The Legion meeting to honor the WWII Veterans was great. The meal was very good and Anita and her crew needs a big thanks.

Sally's cake was a work of art and delicious. We had ninety-four in attendance. It truly was a evening to remember.

The meeting was attended by ten WWII veterans. Uncle Ivan Morey, Ellsworth "Willie" Hathaway, Gilman Whitman, Peter Rosenberg, Kenneth McInnis, Floyd Keniston, Bob Keniston, Ernest Angevine, Avery Angevine and Frank Gibson. Dept. Commander Daniel Ayotte, Dept. Adjutant Lloyd Woods, Past Dept. Commander Gene Bickford, Fifth



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District Commander Marcel Martineau, and Fifth District Second Vice Commander Joe Cooney were also in attendance. Many family members were in attendance with their WWII Veterans.

Uncle Ivan gave an amusing memory of when he was in the South Pacific. Gil Whitman told of how he spent his entire time in the South Pacific in the Stockade. Gil was guarding the Japanese POWs.

Ernest Angevine told of how he saw his brother walking thru this really long hallway in Europe.

And then Floyd Keniston, a Pearl Harbor Survivor told of the day, Dec. 7, 1941, that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. All of us were in awe of the situations Floyd was in and he and shipmates helped out the wounded. I do know there were several tears shed before the evening ended.

Commander Ayotte and Adjutant Woods gave short remarks on the Greatest Genera-

tion and what they had accomplished.

We all owe the Greatest Generation many thanks because we can sit here and write and speak what we think.

We can sit and talk to God without fear of prosecution. It is a crying shame that at this time our own government is trying to undermine our freedoms that this great generation fought to protect.

April 12, the second Tuesday of April, is the start of the Auxiliary Supper Dances. I do know that the Richard Felt Band will be playing for the first dance of the season.

Anita hasn't released what the meal will be or maybe I don't have the need to know. The doors will open at four and the dancing will go till about 9:30 p.m. So plan on coming out and enjoy. Price is the same as last year and a bargain to boot.

It is a sure sign or spring as the boys are out on their bikes. Bobby and Joe visited me while I was boiling sap. They were pleased to tell me

that their grades are up too. I sure told them I was happy with them. And then had Anita get them a jar of Maple Syrup. I'm sure it will get used up in a hurry.

I see that the Inch By Inch Farm is making syrup too. At least I would think so. Maybe Rodney is setting up a dance hall by the barn instead. But then again there is a funnel hanging out the back wall. But I will guarantee one thing, Ray and I are turning out the best Premium syrup!

This morning as I went up to the Post, I followed a deer up Tracy's Flat. It was by the bridge and just turned and slowly moved up the road.

Then it stopped and turned to look at me. I stopped and it started walking again. After a bit it did the same thing and I stopped again.

It decided it had enough of looking at my mug and walked up to the log landing and off thru the woods. Sure was a treat for a nice Sunday morning.

Upton

By LAURIE BROWN



It's Monday morning. It's overcast, the wind is howling, and the forecast for this afternoon/evening is 6 to 8 inches of snow. "Sugar Snow" ... it's not that surprising to most Mainers, but still not fun to drive in, either!

Noah Finnegan Bergeron, born on March 18, is our first grandson, and our second grandchild. His parents are Joe and Amy Bergeron, of Farmington. We are all very excited and happy to welcome him into the world. Thanks for all the messages you've sent.

According to local information and the activity we've seen there in recent days, Ray and Vi Bernier's home on Back Street has been sold.

Have you read Louise Dickinson Rich's rendition of a town meeting in Upton in chapter X of her book "We Took To The Woods"? It's entertaining, at the very least. Having known some of the characters she mentioned, I think it could be a factual accounting, albeit the procedures she describes are a far cry from town meetings as we know them nowadays. This year's town meeting will be March 31 at the schoolhouse and will begin at 7 p.m.

The Ladies Aid Association is still offering breakfasts every Sunday morning from 8 until 11.

Have a wonderful week. Selah

Andover

By JANE RICH



Town meeting was well attended, although it lasted seven hours, and the lunch put on by the Andover Service Circle was a

tasty, welcome break for all those brave enough to stay the entire day. For particulars of the meeting see Allison's story elsewhere in this edition.

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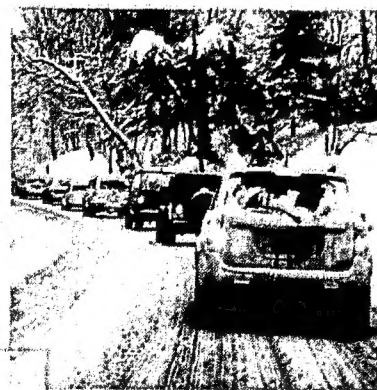


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The First Congregational Church membership held a supper and a movie gathering on Friday night. Spaghetti being the meal and the movie was "Pilgrim's Progress." The event was a celebration of the five new members who have joined the church since the first of the year who each received a bouquet of multi-colored roses.

Once again I remind you to set aside April 9 for the annual Birthday Supper at 5 p.m. for the first sitting and 6 p.m. for the second. Birthday cakes will decorate each table, although there are many who prefer the second sitting when they get the option to sample any or all of the cakes for dessert. Menu is turkey and all the fixings. Price \$7 for adults \$3 for children under 10.

Friends of Polly and Dick Johnston will want to know that Dick has broken his ankle and is in a nursing home in the Spanaway, Wash., area.

If anyone in Andover is interested in becoming an EMT, there is a class in Bethel. The class begins March 29. If anyone is interested please call Elaine Morton 392-1140.

Planning for Olde Home Day will begin shortly. As always the committee is looking for volunteers to help

plan and run the events of the day. This celebration has the reputation of being one of the best small-town projects in western Maine. If you're interested in helping this great event happen contact Vickie or Marshall Meisner to learn of the first scheduled meeting for this year.

As I've often guessed from reading Melinda's column, it's not easy to find news unless you let me know. I invite all the organizations to submit meeting schedules and your news to me at jorich@megalink.net or via the old fashioned way 392-3761. I will be ever so grateful for your support in this area.

Our featured organization this week is the Sno-Valley Sno-Goers snowmobile club. The club was organized in 1974 and the first meetings took place in what was then called the library at the town hall. The club's first president was Richard Merrill, who interestingly enough has just been elected president for the 2011-12 snow season. Others who have served as president included Marshall Meisner, Dave Belanger, Harold Hutchins, Dwight Hutchins and Robert Hutchins. When membership grew the club began using the East Andover School House as a meeting place and has most re-

cently built a "warming hut" off of Main Street. You can see the sign hanging out with the hours if they're open or the simple word closed if they aren't. The club maintains the snowmobile trails in winter with dragging and in summer with the cutting of brush, the building of bridges and other activities to insure that snowmobilers here can ride safely and enjoy the beautiful scenery in Andover. In the past the club has sponsored Poker Runs and the occasional dance in the Town Hall.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last Sunday I took my glasses out of my shirt pocket and put them on so I could read the words and music we were practicing for the choir. The words didn't seem to focus right, so I removed them and could still read them - barely. Tried the glasses again a couple times, and they still didn't seem to help. When I said something, Nancy Anderson looked back and said, did you know that the lens for the left eye of your glasses is missing?" I hate it when that hap-

pens!

Our new puppy, Shiloh, is the cutest thing, and he likes to follow you around, hanging around and between your feet. While Mona was in the hospital, I took Shiloh's wire cage and the dog to Dan, Nancy and Lydia Grover's each day in the back of my pickup so he wouldn't be too long alone. They had just as much fun with him as we do, I think. Anyway, the first day I brought him home, I let him loose while I unloaded the cage. I picked up the cage, turned around to head for the house, and stepped on Shiloh! The little dog's screech prompted me to twist my right foot so as not to squash the little cuss; then I winced in pain, as I think I got a minor sprain to the foot. The dog suffered no lasting effects. It's been a week, and I still limp when I get out of bed in the morning.

Shiloh is growing fast and he has quickly demonstrated several little quirks that are already imprinted on our hearts. One day when he found his water dish empty, he picked it up in his mouth and presented it to Mona, who was in the kitchen. Another time he picked up a small white flower basket by the handle and was proudly carrying it around with the basket swinging from his mouth!

The cute little things easily outweigh those irritating things he does, like tear holes in shirt cuffs as he tries to bite your hand with those razor sharp puppy teeth, or grabs an empty soda can and makes crinkling sounds as he chases it around the floor, biting holes in it.

This is your official notice: Mud Season has arrived on Kings Highway, Mason. Last Saturday I walked up our roadway to the national forest boundary marker, and I'm here to tell you the road is really soft once you pass the end of the asphalt. Ruts were nearly six inches deep in several places, and worse if you get out of the travel lanes. I recommend you avoid the Kings

Highway when it is not frozen until at least mid April, unless you really have a need to be up there. As I walked the road, I noticed many places where it was spongy underfoot, even though vehicles had not sunk though, yet. Please help preserve travel on this road for those who live there.

Sap season has also arrived, and we made nine and one-half quarts last Friday and have another pan full that should make a similar amount by Tuesday this week. Jim Shebee, up the road, says he has about 30 gallons of sap to boil down, as of a couple days ago. Sweet stuff!

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West Paris

By JOYCE LAMB



Sunday." We will be welcoming spring.

Mary Jane Newell visited Friday, so we went shopping at Wal-Mart and then to the grocery store for food. I got enough for two weeks.

Then we stopped at Market Square Restaurant again. It is so nice to get out again and also to eat out. My fish was tender and good as were the sweet potato fries. We did not need dessert after such a large lunch.

I am trying to get out for a short walk each day weather permitting. I hope to walk with the Cotton Tops soon. I have taken the cane some but don't really need it for my balance is good. Nearly back to normal after three months.

Two robins were in the yard this week, the first I have seen. Muffin does not pay attention to them. She must know that she can not get them or maybe the feathers do not look appetizing to her!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is the first day of spring and it is snowing! Of course it won't last and they say spring snow is a poor man's

fertilizer, so bring it on. Still two snow storms in one week at the end of March is a little much.

David and I were fortunate this past weekend to attend fundraising events. On Saturday night we went to Bridgton Lodge to attend a fundraising turkey supper that the Masons put on. It was quite delicious and perfect change for me from being home all the time. Then Sunday morning we went to the Rotary break-

fast in Bethel at Gould Academy. That was delightful because we got to visit with many people I rarely see these days. It was a really great weekend.

A belated happy birthday to grandson Justin Burkett. He was 17 last week. Also Happy Birthday to grandson David J. Hart III. He is 13 this Tuesday. Happy Birthday to both. Also Happy Birthday to Forrest Tinsley.

April 1, in addition to April Fool's Day is the Magpie Benefit Supper/Auction at Fare Share Commons, 445 Main Street, Norway. It is from 6 to 8 p.m. All are invited and it is a sliding scale. There will be food, music, and a silent auction of unique and exquisite things. FMI call 743-9044.

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WWII VETERANS HONORED—The Jackson-Silver Post 68, Locke Mills, held a ceremonial supper and special recognition night, honoring local WWII veterans. State Commander Daniel Ayotte Sr. and State Adjutant Lloyd Woods gave inspirational speeches in support of this special group of veterans. Commander Wayne Hakala honored each veteran with a presentation of a framed certificate recognizing them as the "greatest generation." A large crowd of Post veterans, wives, sons, daughters and grandchildren gave a long, standing ovation at the end of the ceremony. Front: A. Angevine, P. Rosenberg, E. Hathaway, F. Keniston. Back: G. Whitman, B. Keniston, F. Gibson, E. Angevine, I. Morey, K. McInnis;

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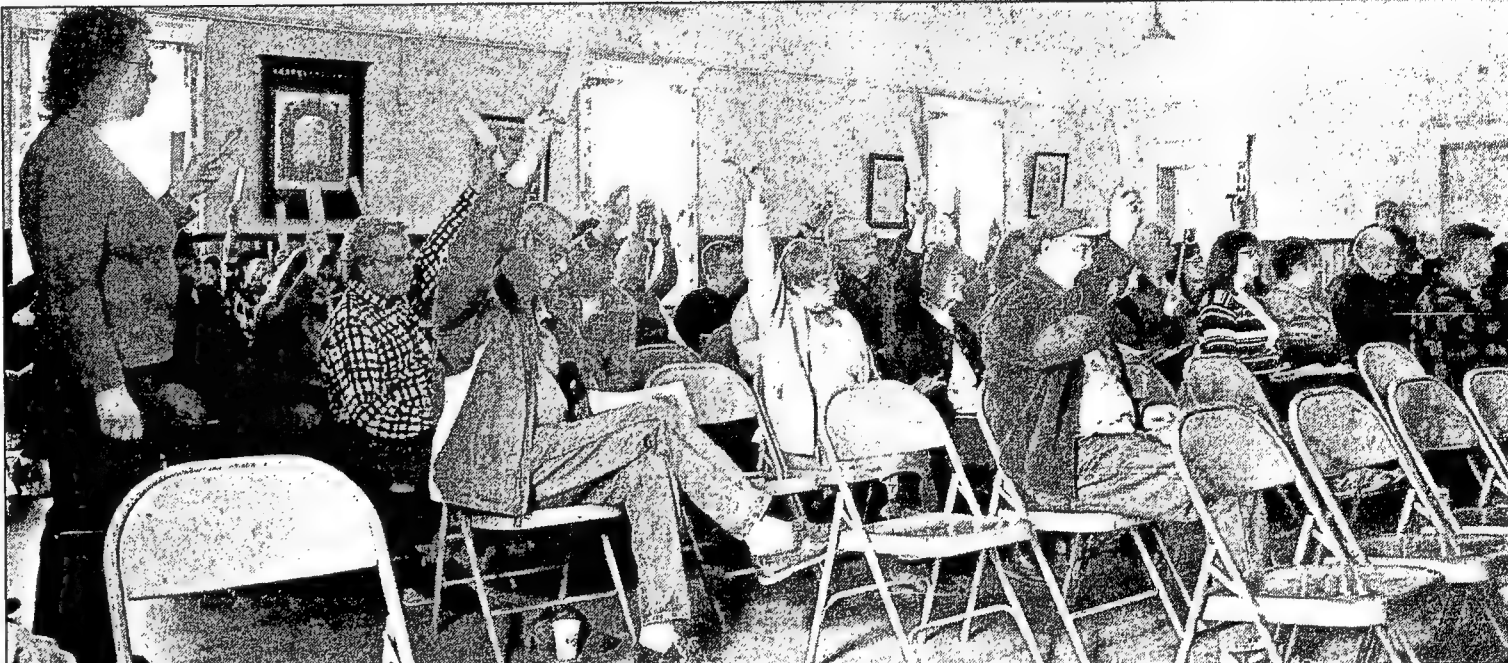
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About 65 Andover voters took part in Saturday's seven-hour town meeting. Above: Rick Mills, with town report and voting card in hand, states his opinion. Right: Nadine Ross laughs at a quip by moderator Kevin Scott.



Andover Town Meeting 2011



Left: Bruce Simmons raises his card to vote. Above: Town Clerk Melinda Averill (at left) counts votes. (Photos: A. Aloisto)

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Saturday, March 26 in Waterford, come celebrate a Maple Syrup Breakfast at the North Waterford Congregational Church across from Melby's.

Friday, March 25, try Chocolate at the Norway Library. Tickets are free. FMI call 743-5300 ext 1.

March 27 is Maple Syrup Sunday all over the state. Go to your local Maple Syrup house and enjoy the best of spring delights.

The hour gets late and I have to end.

Hope you all enjoyed the snow and that we do not get much more. It is time for spring.

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE LARSON



I didn't realize I was quite so predictable but I guess I am, either that or people expect to hear the worst when I call them. (Have to change that!). Any-

how, I called my sister-in-law and said "Well, I've had quite a day" and the first thing out of her mouth was "Oh, no, you didn't end up in the hospital again did you?" To which there was no other reply than, "Well, yes," to which she said, "Oh, Lorraine," and I hastened to reassure her that this time I was only there for a routine blood test.

Anyway, Owen Brown took me down and then we went on to the pet store in Auburn where he got some goldfish.

I had a great time touring around the store and seeing all the birds and the ferrets and looking at all the outfits they have for dogs. Chloe would have fits. She doesn't even like to have a sweater put on her when it is cold.

I was sorry to see that the store here has closed. Crystal remarked how much our town had changed. We used to have three stores, and two eating places, and now we have no restaurant, and no grocery stores.

Unfortunately I am not much help when it comes to buying local because I am too busy putting my money into fuel oil, etc., and there is no much left to buy anything else.

Chloe is wanting me to hold her. I hope the new food she is on is not giving her a hard time. I would just as soon not have her sick again!

This column is short this week.

I hope you will call me if you have news or send an e-mail to lofmlar@g-mail.com



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Telstar High School's February Students of the Month are Kallie Brown, upperclassman, and Kathryn Coolidge, underclassman. The recognition is sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. They were also honored at a recent Rotary meeting. They are shown here with Elle Andrews, Rotary President-Elect, and Dan Hart, Rotarian and Principal of Telstar. The students are chosen by THS staff members for their community service and academic growth and achievement.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Judith Grover tent 12 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, March 14, with nine members present. General orders from Department President Michelle Cary were read by Elsie Bonney. It was telling about the Department Convention to be held in Waterville on Saturday, June 25. Elsie also reported on the Spring Fever Beano. This will be held on Friday, April 8, at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills. Money to go to the Bryant Pond monument fund. Judith Grover tent is trying to earn money enough to enlarge the honor roll to include past, present and future

veterans. We are to order two gross and one large flag. There is an affair to be held at the Augusta Civic Center on April 15, having to do with the start of the Civil War. The daughters have been invited to attend. Thirty calls were reported. Bessie House received the mystery package. Sally read about March being Women History Month and Veterans history project.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m., Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting. March 20 is property management committee meeting at 5 p.m. March 26 is pie contest for both men and women at 5 p.m.

Don't forget our town meeting is coming up on March 28. Plan to attend.

Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum is a vital fixture on Main Street in Bryant Pond. In the museum are exhibits from fine furniture to old photos, glass, art, quilts, costumes, farm implements, post cards, etc. In

the summer locals and tourists alike are drawn to its distinctive clothespin sign and clean lines. It represents Woodstock and New England. They welcome donations of exhibits and the society always wants new members. Be sure and visit this summer.

Florence Hastings Craft Fund established at Historical Society

"Florence Bickford Hastings Traditional Crafts Fund" Established at Bethel Historical Society.

On Jan. 24, 2011, the Bethel Historical Society's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to create the "Florence Bickford Hastings Traditional Crafts Fund." This interest-generating fund - originally established to name a planned crafts room in the expanded Robinson House - includes many generous gifts in Mrs. Hastings' name received by the Society from her family and friends.

A long-time member of the society, Mrs. Hastings was a talented craftswoman who was especially interested in the teaching, exhibition and preservation of traditional crafts.

The Florence Bickford Hastings Traditional Crafts Fund will provide a continuing legacy that honors the memory of this unique individual while increasing the society's commitment and capacity to study, promote and preserve traditional crafts relating to

the history of western Maine, the White Mountain region and northern New England. Income from the Hastings Fund will be used to support a variety of programs and projects at the Bethel Historical Society, including lectures, courses, demonstrations, workshops and preservation projects related to traditional crafts.

A plaque honoring Mrs. Hastings (1904-2008) will be permanently displayed in the society's Robinson House, and an exhibit of her various crafts will open in early September 2011.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency. With over 1,000 members, the society fosters a sense of place - with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region - by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars.

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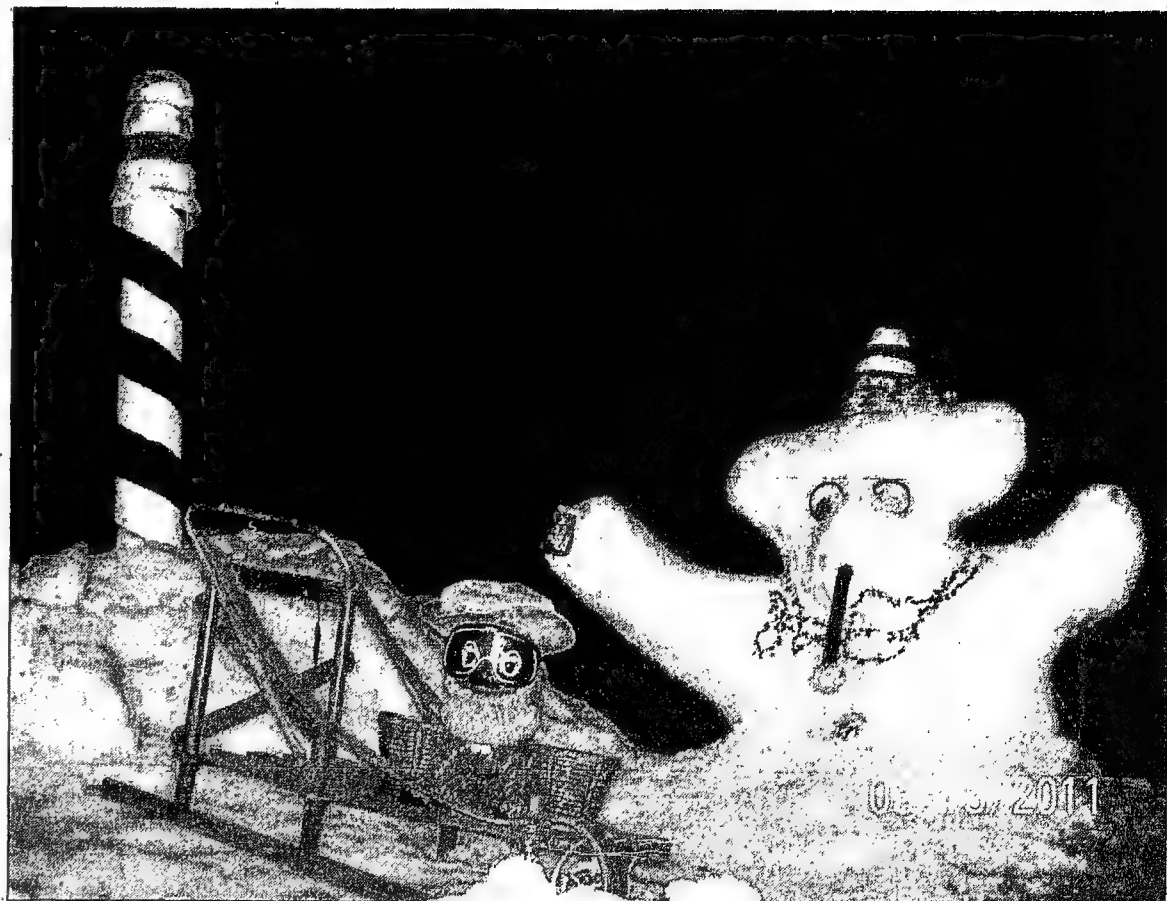
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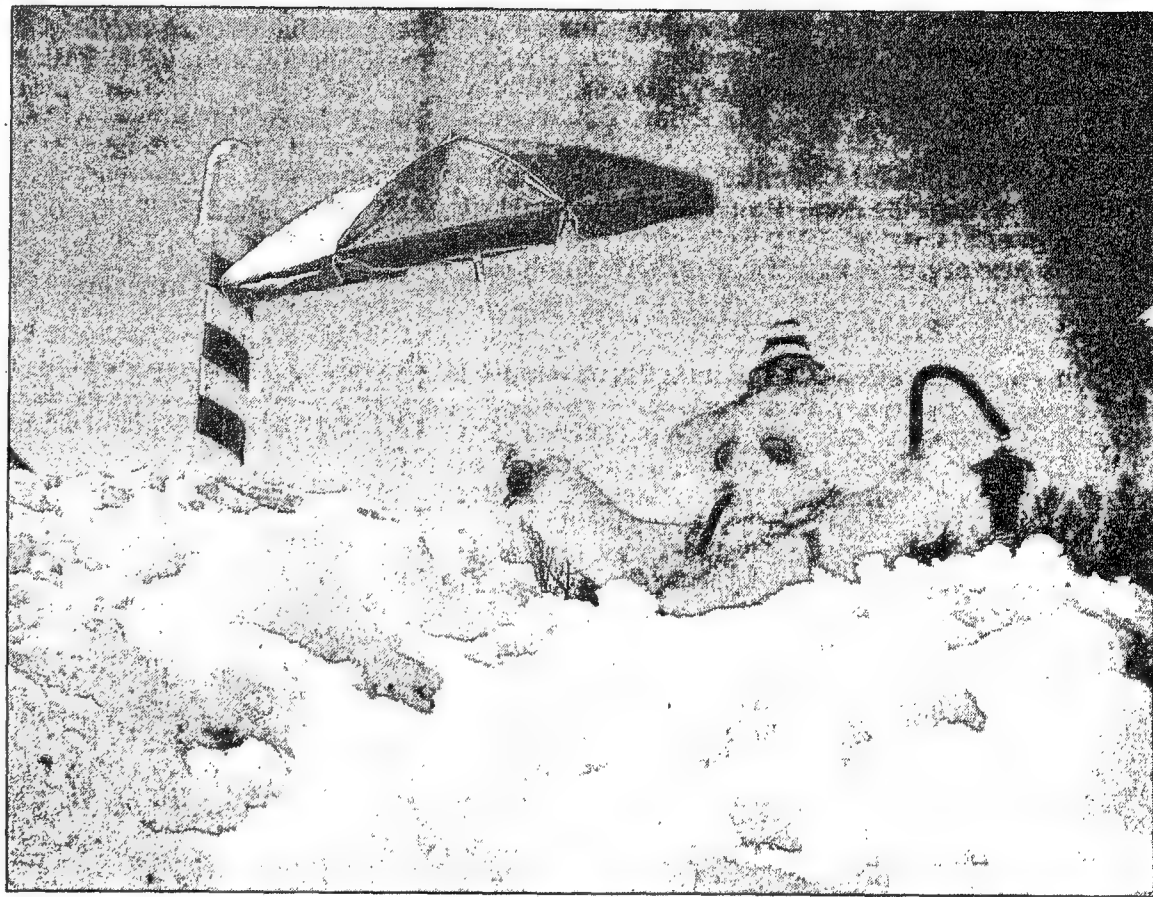
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Indoor Winter Walking at Telstar Regional High School: Monday-Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.

Thru April 2

Waterford Memorial Library closed for renovations. Do not return books the two weeks library closed. FMI: 583-2050.

Thursday, March 24

4:30 to 6 p.m. - "Teaching in Costa Rica" by Bethel native Sarah Rackliffe at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium, sponsored by Down Home Maine series of Western Mountains Senior College. FMI: Bonnie Pooley 381-7944 or Google Western Mountains Senior College.

7:30 p.m. - **Music Without Borders** students Robert Poortinga and Vesko Ninov present Steinway Series recital at McLaughlin Science Building Auditorium, Gould Academy. Public invited. No admission charge.

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents Shoe Box Tour 2011 with gold medal jugglers. Tickets: \$11 all ages - suitable for all ages. FMI: 336-3306 or e-mail mike@oddfellow.com

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24, 25, 26
Third annual Dumont Cup at Sunday River Ski Resort. \$20,000 in cash/prizes. Amateurs ski with pros. Qualifiers: Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and determine the top qualifiers sent to semi-finals Saturday. Registration: \$100 includes lift ticket (www.dumontcup.com). FMI: www.sundayriver.com. Event subject to change. Sponsored by Red Bull, Target, Oakley, Nike 6.0, Sunday River, Salomon, Toyota, Giro, PowerBar, Empire and Kicker.

1 to 4 p.m. - **Auditions for "Narnia"** at The Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Road (Route 114), Standish, just north of Routes 114 and 35. FMI: 642-3743 or education@schoolhousearts.org, or e-mail Micheal Hjort at mhjort@maine.rr.com

Friday, March 25

1 to 6 p.m. - **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at Mason Oxford Lodge 16, 9 Temple Street, Norway.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Spaghetti Dinner** at Oxford Advent Christian Church, Main Street, Oxford. Cost: \$5 adults, \$3 for 12 and under, \$15 family of four. Sponsored by Melby's Market and Eatery. Benefits Relay for Life of Oxford Hills.

7 p.m. - **Norway Open Mic Night** hosted by Vessel Recordings artist Heather Pierson at First Universalist Church, 470 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. \$3 at door. Refreshments available. FMI: (603) 733-6350 or e-mail heather@heatherpierson.com

7 p.m. - **Cafe Chocolate** at Norway Memorial Library. Free. FMI: 743-5300 ext 1 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us.

All Day - Maine Garden Day, sponsored by University of Maine Cooperative Extension at Lewiston High School, 156 East Avenue, Lewiston. 35 gardening workshops and trade show with plants, seeds and tools to purchase. Dealing limited (first come-first served). FMI and register: (800) 287-1482 or (207) 743-6329 (out of state). Cost: \$5 includes breakfast, lunch and all workshops.

Saturday, March 26

All day - 26th Annual Maine Handicapped Skiing Ski-A-Thon at Sunday River.

8 a.m. - **Maple Syrup Breakfast** at North Waterford Congregational Church, Proceeds benefit the church.

9 to 2 p.m. - **Yard Sale** at American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. 50/50 tickets. Lunch counter open.

2 p.m. - "Maine's Margaret Chase Smith: Image and Icon" presented by Dr. Stanley R. Howe, Bethel Historical Society associate director and director of education and research, at the Dr. Moses Mason House exhibit hall (14 Broad Street). FMI: 824-2908, e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit www.bethelhistorical.org

5 p.m. - **Maine Baked Bean Cook-Off** at Lovell United Church of Christ, to benefit Ronald Ashworth Memorial Pilgrim Lodge Campership Fund. Everyone welcome. Enter favorite bean casserole \$10. Come and taste - donations at door. Trophies for winners.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Cost: \$5 adults. Lunch counter open.

7:30 p.m. - **Fryeburg Academy** presents **Phil Keaggy and Randy Stonehill** in concert at the academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. FMI: 935-9232.

8 p.m. - **Mud Season Fling Charitable Concert** at Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Mahoosuc Arts will be beneficiary. Special guest: Phil Poirier. Admission: \$10. Silent Auction table.

Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27

1 to 4 p.m. - **Auditions for "Truly Talented Kids Variety Show."** Singers, dancers, musicians, actors ages 19 and younger. FMI: 642-3743 or e-mail education@schoolhousearts.org or e-mail mhjort@maine.rr.com.

Saturdays, March 26 and April 9

Yard Sales - American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Tables, \$10. each. Call Jean Britton 739-2236.

Sunday, March 27

Maple Syrup Sunday throughout Maine.

SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket/free rental/free adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

10 a.m. - **21st annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters' Race** at White Cap Base Lodge, Sunday River Ski Resort. Proceeds benefit Maine Handicapped Skiing.

Tuesday, March 29

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshop at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street, FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu.

5 to 6:30 p.m. - "Bethel's Next Big Winter Project" brainstorming session at Funky Red Barn. Light refreshments. All invited.

7 p.m. - **Navy Sea Chanters, Navy Band Chorus** at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. Presentation by Mahoosuc Arts Council. Tickets: free. Free to Gould Academy faculty, staff and students. FMI: 824-3575.

Wednesday, March 30

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - "Colon Cancer Screening" Which Test is Best? by Robert Kahn, M.D., of Western Maine Surgery at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building. Dinner provided. Free. Registration required. FMI or register: (866) 609-5183 or visit Western Maine Health at www.wmhcc.org

Thursday, March 31

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. - **Tools for Easier Living: Assistive Devices for the Home** at Board Room, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Free. Registration required. FMI and registration: (866) 609 5183 or visit www.wmhcc.org.

6:30 p.m. - **Beyond the Snapshot: Using Photography to Tell a Story** by Scott Vlaun at Norway Memorial Library. Free and open to public. FMI: 743-5309 Ext. 1 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us.

6:30 p.m. - **Bethel District Exchange** meeting rescheduled to meet at Telstar High School Library - formerly March 10 and later March 24. FMI: Cathy Newell 875-2116.

March 31, April 6, 13 and 20

12 noon to 1 p.m. - **Lenten Luncheons** at West Parish Congregational Church hall, Bethel. Area churches provide a light luncheon for this ecumenical program. Free admission. All welcome.

Friday, April 1

6 to 8 p.m. - **Maggie Benefit/Supper/Auction** at Fare Share Commons, 445 Main Street, Norway. All invited (sliding scale). Food, music, silent auction.

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Local Knowledge 2010-11** presents "Endurance Riding" with Kathy Brunjes and Tom Hutchinson at Trustees Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy. FMI: 824-3806, e-mail info@mahoosuc.org or visit www.mahoosuc.org

Saturday, April 2

6 p.m. - **Snow Valley Sno-Goers** annual meeting at clubhouse, Route 5, Andover. Potluck dinner 6 p.m. and meeting 7 p.m. Agenda: election of officers, 50/50 drawing. All welcome.

7:30 p.m. - **Kate Redgate** performs at Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$15, \$10 seniors, \$5 students available at box office (935-9232) or at www.fryeburgacademy.org

Sunday, April 3

3rd annual Snowmobile SledHEAD Mania at Mt. Abram Ski Resort, antique sled track races and hill climb drags 73 and older, to benefit Wild River Riders snowmobile club, Gilead. Rain or shine. Uncle Henry's listed the race on March 13, which is incorrect. 7 to 9 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. Drivers meeting; 10 a.m. races start. Door prizes. FMI: 890-9720.

Mondays, April 4 and 25

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu

Wednesday, April 6

6 to 8 p.m. - "Why Can't Johnny B. Goode at Home?" at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Board Room, Discussion

on challenging behaviors and positive ways to handle behaviors at home. Free. Registration required. FMI or register: (866) 609-5183.

Thursday, April 7

4:30 to 6 p.m. - "Follow the Rainbow through Healthy Food Choices" presented by Cathi DiCocco at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Demos, samples, recipes and resource materials. Free admission. FMI: 824-2053.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Creating Healthy Salads** offered by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building. Cost: \$10. Registration required. FMI: (866) 609-5183.

Friday, April 8

6 p.m. - **Spring Fever Bingo** at American Legion Hall, Greenwood, to benefit Woodstock Honor Roll Expansion Project.

5:30 p.m. - **Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry**, hosted by Fifth-Grade Class at Crescent Park School. Tuition: \$10, \$2 for each sibling. Proper wizarding costume encouraged, but not necessary. Proceeds benefit Fifth-Grade Class trip to Boston.

Saturday, April 9

8:30 a.m. - **Communications Training Conference** gathering of communications center staff and emergency service agencies throughout Oxford County at Paris Fire Station, 127 Western Avenue. "Let's communicate together and work for a better future." Bring questions, goals and expectations for discussion. Prize drawings every hour. Lunch provided.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Yard Sale** American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter open, 50/50 tickets.

Birthday Supper at Andover. 5 p.m. first sitting, 6 p.m. second sitting. Menu: turkey and fixings and birthday cakes. Price: \$7 adults and \$3 children under 10.

7 p.m. - "Be Somebody," **Amazing Hero Art Show** presentation by Rob Surette at Mountain Valley High School, Rumford. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door will benefit Holy Savior Youth Ministry. To purchase tickets contact Elaine Palmer (364-4696) Diane Perry at Franklin Savings Bank in Rumford/Mexico or Holy Savior Youth Ministry youth FMI: www.amazingheroart.com

Sunday, April 10

12 to 6 p.m. - **Fundraiser** for Bethel EMT Mindy Evans at Locke Mills Legion. Meal, raffles, entertainment in afternoon. FMI: call Mike Jodrey at 749-1915.

Tuesday, April 12

Oxford County Republican Committee monthly general meeting at Advent Christian Church, Route 26, Oxford. Social time 5:30, dinner prior to meeting. Cost: \$8. Open to all Republicans. FMI: Loretta (875-2229) or Wendy (336-2817).

Wednesday, April 13

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** luncheon/meeting at Rooster's Roadhouse, Mayville. Cost: \$10 for turkey dinner. Reservations must be made before 10 a.m., April 11, by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877). Program: Norma Salway will discuss her book, "The Spirit of Songo."

Thursday, April 14

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speaker Dennis Gross, owner of the Minerals shop in Bryant Pond, will talk about his experiences and show variety of minerals. Public welcome, free, light refreshments.

4:30 to 6 p.m. - "Tweeking Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerances" presented by Cathi DiCocco at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Demos, gluten free samples, recipes and resource materials. Free admission. FMI: 824-2053.

Wednesdays, April 20 and 27

6 to 8 p.m. - **A Salad for Everyone - First Steps in Growing Your Own Food** workshops at Extension Office, South Paris. No charge but pre-registration required by calling 743-6329 or (800) 287-1482 by April 8.

Saturdays, April 30, July 30, Oct. 29 and Dec. 31

7 p.m. - **5th Saturday Norway Contra Dances** at Norway Grange. Cost: \$32 for series or \$10 each at door. Registration available online at www.wf1tmaine.org by April 1, registration forms also at Norway Library and via the Land Trust 739-2124.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m.,

Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha**, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocco. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - **Story Hours** for children, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of

Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - **Knitting Group** for all levels even those who want to learn, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

West Paris

Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. **Open House** at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m. - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680

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U.S. Navy Sea Chanters to perform at Gould Academy

The U.S. Navy Sea Chanters will perform a free concert as part of the Mahoosuc Arts Council's Gould Performing Arts Series, March 29 at 7 p.m. at the Bingham Auditorium. Ticket reservations are required.

The United States Navy Band Sea Chanters chorus is the official chorus of the United States Navy.

The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including the sea chantey, to Broadway musicals.

Under the leadership of Chief Musician Georgina L. Todd, the Sea Chanters appear throughout the United States and often perform at the White House, the Vice President's home and for other Washington dignitaries.

In 1956, Lt. Harold Fultz, then the band's assistant leader, organized a vocal ensemble from the Navy School of Music in Anacostia to sing chanties and patriotic songs for the State of the Nation dinner.

An immediate success, Admiral Arleigh Burke, then Chief of Naval Operations, transferred them to the Navy Band, named them the "SeaChanters" and tasked

this all-male chorus with perpetuating the songs of the sea. Female voices were added in 1980.

The Sea Chanters have become one of the pre-eminent professional choral ensembles in the country today. They have performed at national events such as the 55th Presidential Inauguration Ceremony in 2005.

They have played a vital role during national times of mourning including appearances at memorials for the astronauts of the space shuttle Columbia and the Presidential wreath laying ceremony at the United Airlines Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Their performance of Amazing Grace at the national day of Prayer and Remembrance at the National Cathedral in Washington after the events of 9/11 inspired all who viewed the performance.

In 1994, the chorus provided music at the funeral of former President Nixon in Yorba Linda, Calif., and the interment of former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis at Arlington National Cemetery.

They have appeared at the Kennedy Center Honors and

with the National Symphony Orchestra for the nationally telecast "National Memorial Day Concerts" at the U.S. Capitol.

In addition the group has appeared on "Larry King Live" and "CBS This Morning" as well as at the premiere of the movie Pearl Harbor.

Noted choral directors Dale Warland and Donald Neuen have guest conducted the ensemble, and renowned composers Roger Bourland, William MacDuff and Lloyd Pfausch have written works especially for them.

Other notable orchestral appearances include the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra.

For the first 25 years the men of the Sea Chanters enjoyed a great reputation performing with such stars as Perry Como, Marian Anderson and Kenny Rogers.

Throughout their history, the Sea Chanters have remained true to the Navy's watchwords of pride and professionalism.

FMI: Contact the Mahoosuc Arts Council: www.mahoosucarts.org, info@mahoosucarts.org or call 824-3575.

M.S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 7 p.m. - TELSTAR LIBRARY AGENDA

(Note: This is a partial list of the board's business. Some routine items are not included.)

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Ms. Arizzi
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross
Finance Committee: Mr. Smith
Negotiations Committee: Ms. Cross
Personnel Committee: Ms. Nasta
Policy Committee: Ms. Davis
Region 9 Cooperative Board: Ms. Arizzi

VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Appointments and Resignations
Telstar Middle/High School Energy Audit Presentation: Mr. Alan Ballard, Bravo Zulu Energy (Presentation of approximately 30 minutes with time for questions)
Other

IX NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion:

The Finance Committee will provide the Board with an initial overview of their work on the FY 12 budget and provide suggestions for the Board to consider as it moves forward in this budget building process.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

3. To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding approval of a Mission Statement for Telstar Middle School.

(The Education Committee will have a recommendation)

4. To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding approval of a Retirement Incentive and an associated time frame for participation for eligible members of the Telstar Education Association.

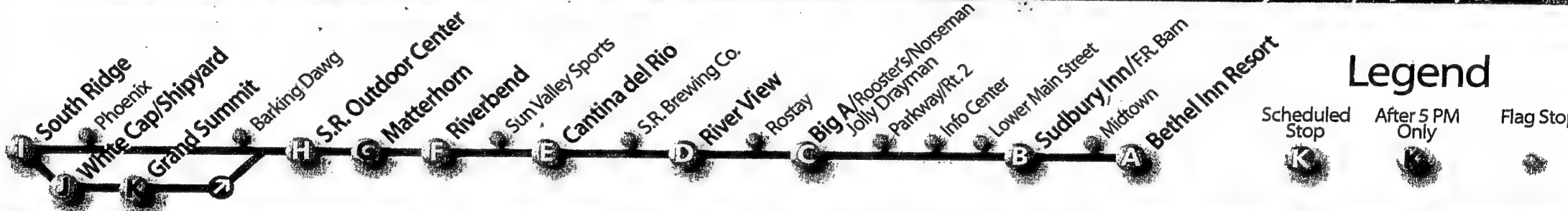
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SERVICE NOTES

D Indicates stops to drop off passengers. Shaded times operate Fridays, Saturdays, and vacation weeks only.

At flag stops, make sure you signal the driver. Mountain Explorer is operated by Western Maine Transportation Services. Buses operate daily between December 26 and April 3.

Mountain Explorer bus service is supported by the towns of Bethel and Newry, local businesses and sponsors, USDOT and Maine DOT.

FUTURE TRANSIT SERVICE TO MT. ABRAM SKI RESORT

Western Maine Transportation Services in conjunction with the Maine Department of Transportation and Mt. Abram Ski Resort will be conducting a study this winter to determine future transit needs for the Mt. Abram area.

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- Bethel Inn Resort Broad St, Bethel 824-2175
- River View Resort 357 Mayville Rd, Bethel 824-2808
- Gould Academy 39 Church St, Bethel 824-7700
- Sunday River Outdoor Center 23 Skiway Rd, Newry 824-5700
- Cantina del Rio 96 Sunday River Rd, Bethel 824-8345
- Dream Realty Post Office Plaza, Newry 824-4300
- Matterhorn Ski Bar 292 Sunday River Rd, Newry 824-6836
- Phoenix House & Well 9 Timberline Dr, Newry 824-2222
- Sudbury Inn 151 Main St, Bethel 824-2174
- Shipyard Brew Haus White Cap Lodge, Newry 824-5269
- BIG Adventure Center Mayville & North Rd, Bethel 824-0929
- Sunday River Brewing Co 1 Sunday River Rd, Bethel 824-4253
- Riverbend Condominiums/Rentals Cherry Ln, Bethel 249-1980
- Four Seasons Realty/Workout 24-7 32 Parkway Plaza, Bethel 824-3776/824-4766
- Inn at the Rosay 186 Mayville Rd, Bethel 824-3111
- Good Food Store/Smokin' Good BBQ 212 Mayville Rd, Bethel 824-3754/824-4744
- Mt. Vista Condo Assoc Vista Rd Newry
- Norseman Inn 134 Mayville Rd, Bethel 824-2002
- Pok Sun Emporium/Books N Things 130 Main St, Bethel 824-2997/824-0275
- Barking Dawg Mkt 119 Skiway Rd, Newry 824-6969
- BESTunes Ski & Snowboard Tuning 284B Mayville Rd, Bethel 824-2266
- Bethel Shop N Save 72 Main St, Bethel 824-2121
- Casablanca Cinema Cross St, Bethel 824-8248
- Cho Sun Sushi Bar 141 Main St, Bethel 824-7370
- Crossroads Diner Mayville Rd, Bethel 824-3673
- Funky Red Barn 19 Summer St, Bethel 824-3003
- Home Slice Pizza 177 Main St, Bethel 824-470
- Hot Taco 7 Mechanic St, Bethel 381-6001
- Kelley's Auto Parts 10 Mechanic St, Bethel 824-2102
- Kowloon Village Mt View Mall, Bethel 824-3707
- Mahoosuc Realty 16 Parkway, Bethel 824-2771
- Maline Made Furniture 23 Skiway Rd, Newry 824-3181
- Mallard Mart 33 Mayville Rd, Bethel 824-6111
- Mountain View EyeCare 140 Main St, Bethel 824-2227
- Mountains of Pasta Whitecap Lodge, Newry 824-5094
- Northeast Bank 11 Main St, Bethel 824-2117
- Norway Savings Bank 1 Parkway, Bethel 824-4989
- Pat's Pizza 37 Mayville Rd, Bethel 824-3637
- Pinnacle Snowboard Shop Post Office Plaza, Newry 824-6636
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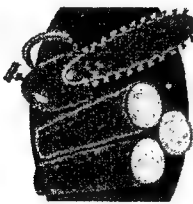
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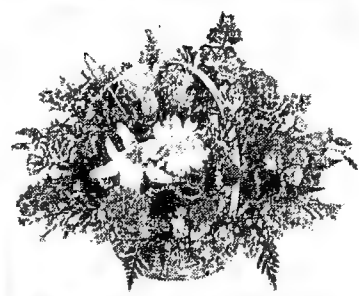
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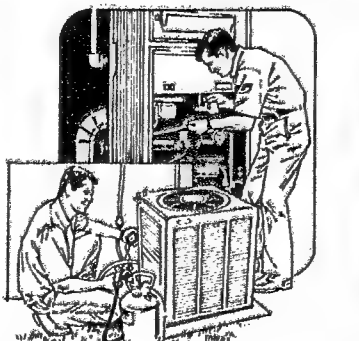
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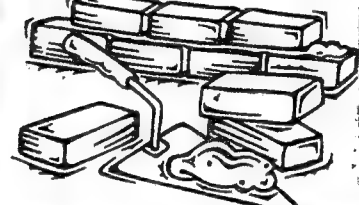
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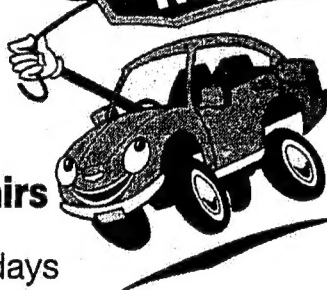
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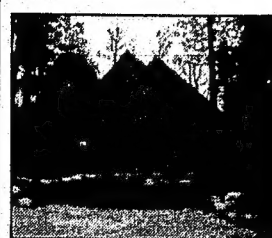
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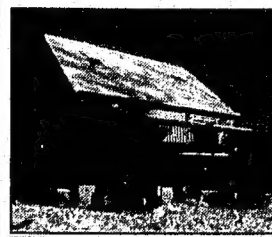
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20 Fairway Drive, Mahoosuc Glen: Spacious, 5-BR/3.5-bath, quality home directly on Sunday River Golf Club's hole 7 green. Loaded with high-end finishes, Viking gourmet kitchen, separate guest quarters, central a/c, custom cabinets, and spectacular views. Price has been reduced. \$594,000



Millbrook Townhomes, 602/603: Uniquely designed townhouse on 1st fairway at the Bethel Inn Resort. The 2-BR unit features a lockout master suite with bath, kitchenette, fireplace and patio. Private entrance lets owner rent out a portion of the townhouse while using the other. Furnished. \$289,000



Lot 37, The Peaks: Custom-designed, to-be-built home with panoramic views of Sunday River. A double-sided fireplace is a unique feature in this 5-BR/4-bath home with an abundance of glass and separate living spaces. Additional space over 2-car garage. (Photo representative) \$989,000



70 Deer View Lane, Bethel: This 4-BR/2.5-bath home in Birchwoods subdivision was custom built in 2006. Open floor plan with a great room and a living room with wood-burning fireplace. 1st floor master suite, 2nd floor has a master bedroom plus 2 BRs & bonus room. \$369,000



1 Frog Lane, Woodstock: Brand-new home with a master suite, family room with gas fireplace, pantry, laundry room, study/office, & heated 2-car garage. Cherry kitchen cabinets, granite bathroom vanities, and a large deck. 5 minutes to Mt. Abram & 20 to Sunday River. 3-4 BRs & 3+ baths. \$299,000



159 Ski View Drive, Newry: The convenience of condo living with the prestigious location of Powder Ridge. This spacious townhome offers a wonderful layout, spectacular views and attractive furnishings. This is a turn-key vacation home just minutes from South Ridge. \$265,000



48 Mason St, Bethel: You will be surprised by the space, charm & appeal this home offers. 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, 1st floor laundry & master suite, 2 living areas include a living room with hardwood floors & new propane stove. New furnace and a newer 2-car garage with ample storage. \$224,900



19 Crosby Lane, Newry: This 4-BR, 3-bath home is fully furnished, with classic rustic decor. Enjoy the mountain views in this spacious home. The ease of living in Red House Farm Village is widely known - take the Mountain Explorer to and from the slopes. This is a quality, well-priced home. \$279,900

Land

NEW PRICE Lot 9A Rowe Hill Rd, Greenwood: A wonderful, wooded, 2-acre building lot on a quiet road just two miles from Lake Christopher, minutes from Mt. Abram and a short drive from Sunday River. \$29,000

9 Vista Rd, Newry: 11-acre lot at The Peaks with panoramic views. Access to hiking and snowmobile trails near Mt. Will. Building package available. \$149,900

Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 1: One of the most spectacular lots, directly on the Sunday River Golf Club with views of the 18th hole. \$170,000

99 Douglass Rd, Powder Ridge: This extremely private lot is nestled into the pines with a babbling brook crossings the edge of the property line. Some of the best views of Sunday River's slopes. \$89,000

Merriman Road, Bethel: 11-acre parcel within walking distance of Bethel Village. Spectacular private setting overlooking Androscoggin river valley and the western Maine mountains. \$299,000

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RIVERBEND 2bed/2bath, post & beam, skylights, sleeps 8, furnished. \$169,000	BROOKSIDE II B302 1bed/1bath, great views sleeps 6, slope/side. \$125,000
EDEN RIDGE 4C 2bed/2 bath, fireplace, walk to town, nice views open fir plan. \$159,000	SUNRISE 131A 1bed/1bath, slope/side, furnished. \$120,000
RIVERBEND 2bed/2bath, post & beam, furnished, shuttle service, near town. \$150,000	CASCADES A3 1bed/1bath, furnished, slope/side, common area, pool, hot tub. \$119,000
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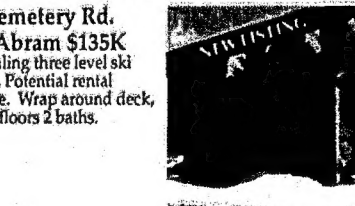


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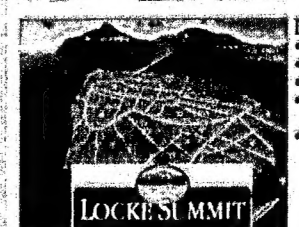
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Appealing three level ski chalet. Potential rental income. Wrap around deck, wood floors 2 baths.



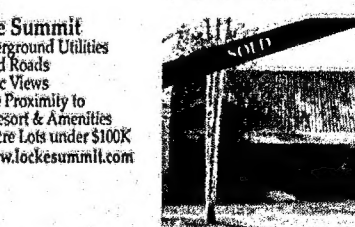
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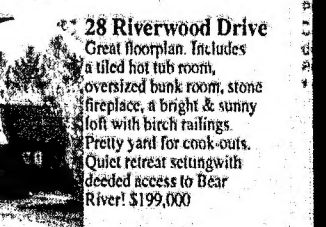
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Obituaries



ERIC H. GUNTHER

Eric H. Gunther, 47, of Nashville, Tenn., died suddenly on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

Eric was born March 1, 1964 in Rumford, Maine, the son of Howard F. Gunther of West Bethel, Maine, and Sandra Olson Gunther of Bethel. He was a graduate of Telstar Regional High School, Class of 1982.

After spending some time in college he discovered his niche, which was insurance. Eric was employed in the Maine and New Hampshire area for several years. During this time he organized the Loretta Lynn Fan Club for Maine and developed a close friendship with the Lynn family. There was an insurance job available in Nashville which he took and there found his home. He was a highly successful insurance underwriter with the Willis Insurance Co. for ski resorts across the United States.

Eric's passion has always been family and friends. He was the "glue" in the family and knew everyone's birthday and all the "particulars" about each one. He had a fabulous sense of humor, saw the funny side of life, laughed a lot and brought joy to every gathering. Eric never had an

enemy. He was unfailingly kind. He had friends all over the country. He will be sadly missed by so many.

He leaves his partner, Jamie Wilson of Nashville, Tenn.; his brother, H. Scott Gunther and wife Olya and daughter Dasha of Sandy, Utah; nieces, Ashley Gunther of Lebanon, Tenn., and Chelsea Potter and husband Mark and two daughters of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; brother, Randy Gunther and wife Ruby and daughter Halle and Maya of Rumford, Maine; sister, Patricia Gunther of Wake Forest, N.C.; aunt, Pat Gunther Carter and husband Ted of Bethel; aunts, Mildred Jackson and Caroline Merrill and her husband Charles of Bethel; aunt, Linda Olson and husband Rick Poore of Cornish, Maine; aunt, Carol Everett and husband Robert of West Bethel; and uncle, George Olson and Debra Olson of Bryant Pond.

Eric leaves numerous cousins, too many to name, but every one of them will miss him sorely. He took the time to frequently reach out through phone calls and e-mails or visits to everyone he loved.

A celebration of his life will be held March 27, 2011 at the Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel at 2 p.m.

If one wishes to make donations, please donate to an animal shelter in your area for Eric loved animals.

Swain Family Farm
Ed got his maple stove out and will have maple syrup for sale this Sunday for Maple Sugar Sunday

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PAMELA KONKRIGHT

Pamela Jean (Usher) Konkright went to be with the lord on March 19, 2011.

She was born in Portland, Maine, on July 28, 1954. She married Virgil "Tink" Konkright Jr. on Nov. 19, 1972. In the past she had worked for SAD 44 as a bus driver for many years. Pam spent weekends working for PASS Tour and dedicated her time to the Maine Vintage Racing Association. Pam remained active in the church and community and was the Code Officer for Upton and Gilead. She was also co-owner of Valley Services with her husband.

She loved fishing, camping, and spending time with her husband and grandchildren. She also spent time learning new things and advocating for animals in need.

She is survived and will be missed by her husband of 38 years, Virgil "Tink" Konkright Jr., her sons, Michael and Mathew Konkright; daughter, Michelle Konkright; and her grandchildren, Ashley and Benjamin Konkright and Cody and Cassidy Hart, Blythe Konkright and Ricky Mclean III. Pam is also leaving behind her brothers, David and John Usher; and sisters, Terri Tracy, Margaret Hale, Kathy Pease and Deanna Usher.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, March 26, at 3 p.m. at the Bethel Church of the Nazarene, Bethel, Maine. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the SPCA, PO Box 10, Windham, ME 04062 or any other local animal shelter.

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SCENIC VIEW TAX CONSIDERED IN GILEAD

Don't believe false promises it won't happen. Why did they pay to have the maps?

The Town of Gilead Comprehensive Plan published last March 27, 2010 contains an item that Gilead paid \$1,800 for some town maps. Two of the maps (on pages 51 and 52) were SCENIC VIEW TAX MAPS with 13 red dot designated areas identifying the areas that people living in those areas should pay an additional tax because they have a scenic view. This SCENIC VIEW TAX is in addition to their regular property tax. Why would Gilead pay for all this if they were not planning to use it? The selectmen are the ones to implement the SCENIC VIEW TAX. If you elect me as your selectman, I promise you that I WILL VOTE AGAINST THE SCENIC VIEW TAX. You may see the maps at my house (12 Bridge Street) all day Friday, the 25th, from 9 am to 9 pm. I warn you, the SCENIC VIEW TAX issue will always hang over your head long after the Ken Cole garage issue is resolved. WARNING, if you cut down a tree or two and now you can see a mountain or river - Scenic View.

Lets clear up a rumor; I am being accused of being a pro-Garage candidate running against an anti-garage candidate. I am NOT a puppet for anyone, nor do I represent special interest groups. I am running because I want to run. My desire to run (since last summer) has nothing to do with the garage issue. I have listed some of my qualifications in paid ads in this newspaper. You, the people of Gilead are important and I want to represent you. I will keep you informed and will be glad to listen to you and welcome your ideas.

Although I was disappointed with the Gilead news column by Lin Chapman, she is an excellent Treasurer and her books are accurate. If elected for selectman, I will work with Lin.

Gilead should have some recreational facilities, such as a ball field for softball/baseball, soccer, even a horseshoe pit. Children and adults could use this area. I am willing to donate some, or all of my selectman's salary toward a ball field. We can do this if we all work together.

PLEASE VOTE FOR JOE BOUDREAU FOR GILEAD SELECTMAN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011.

I have lived in Gilead at 12 Bridge Street for over 18 years. I have enjoyed attending many town meetings, selectman, fire department and planning board. I have learned so much about the town and the people of Gilead. As a selectman I would welcome the opportunity to listen to you the people. I would like to see all town meetings be handled in a more professional way, being kind to one another and listening to others ideas and opinion, even if we do not agree. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and to share ideas. We have become a divided town and I would like to help bring Gilead back together as a community.

I served on a Board of Directors for the Boy Scouts along with many other boards throughout my lifetime. This gives me the full understanding of how a board of directors should work. I feel I could bring benefit to Gilead as a selectman with this knowledge.

I am a retired but active computer consultant and have already assisted these two Gilead town officials (Beverly Corriveau, Tax Collector) with the computer and printing problems of the 2009 tax bills. In addition I have also assisted (Alicia McLean appointed by Lin Chapman as Deputy to Lin Chapman the Town Clerk and Treasurer) become more familiar and efficient with the computer program Excel. Alicia is also Administrative Assistant to the selectman. If Gilead pays the Town officials to do a job, doesn't that make them town employees?

I was unable to join the United States Military due to being blind in my right eye. I did join the Civil Defense Department and I do hold a FCC Lifetime License. (Federal Communication Commission) The Civil Defense Department deals with communications and disaster. I feel this knowledge could help the fire department in the event of an emergency.

Being part of a five member team that worked to check the accuracy of the computer programs for the Patriot Missile, I was required to undergo a background check and many levels of secret clearance checks. This alone should let people know that I am an upstanding trustworthy person.

If you would like to contact me please feel free to give me a call at 207-836-2311 or my mailing address is P.O. Box 29, West Bethel, 04286

Please Vote Joe Boudreau Town of Gilead Selectman

Births

Erin and DJ Deprey of Newry are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Brooklyn Riley Deprey, born on March 5, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are James and Marjorie Osgood of Newry.

Paternal grandparents are Dave and Karen Deprey of Fort Kent.

Brooklyn Riley joins her brother, Connor James, age 3.

Nariko and Nicholas Conant of Gilead are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Orianna Lyn, born on March 15, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Dawn and Buddy Welch of West Paris and Bill Shimamura of South Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Darlene and Christopher Conant of Auburn.

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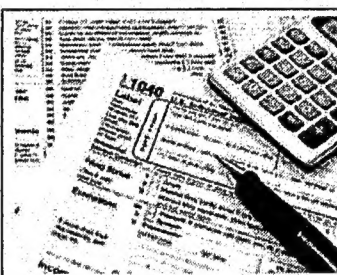
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Colon Cancer Screening: Which Test is Best

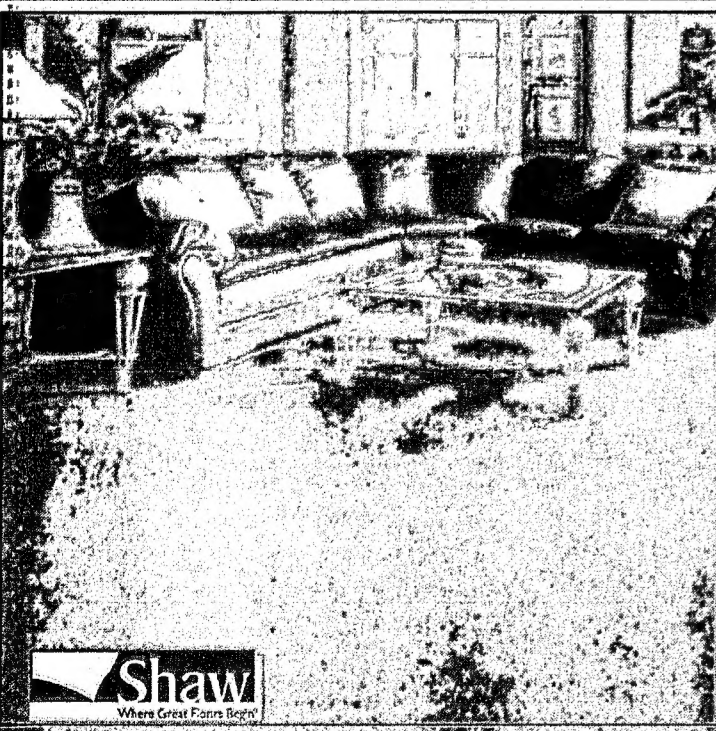
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